Anno xxxix. Reginæ Elizabethæ.

At the Parliament

begun and holden at Westminster *the xxiij. day of October, in the xxxix.* yeere of the Reigne of our most gracious Soueraigne Lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God of England, France and Ireland Queene, defender of the faith, &c.

And there continued vntill the dissolution thereof, being the ninth of February next following,

Anno 1597.

To the high pleasure of Almightie God, and the weale publique of this Realme, were enacted as followeth.

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1 An Act against the decaying of Townes & houses of Husbandry.
2 An Act for maintenance of Husbandry and Tillage.
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4 An Act for punishment of Rogues, Vagabonds, and sturdie beggers.
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7 An Act for the more speedie paiment of the Queenes Maiesties debts, and for the better explanation of the Act made in the xiij. yeere of the Queenes Maiestie, Intituled, An Act to make the landes, tenements, goods and chattels of Tellors, Receiuers, &c. liable to the paiment of their debts.
8 An Act for the confirmation and establishment of the deprination of diuers Bishops & Deanes in the beginning of her Maiesties reigne.
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10 An Act for the encrease of Mariners and maintenance of Nauigation, repealing a Statute made in the xxiij. yeere of her Maiesties reigne, bearing the same title.
11 An Act for the better execution of the Statute made in the xxiij. yeere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne, for the abolishing of Logwood, alias Blockwood, in the dying of Cloth, Woll, or Yarne.
12 An Act for explanation of the Statute made in the xiij. yeere of her Maiesties reigne, concerning Labourers.
13 An explanation of an Act made in the xj. yeere of king Henry the seuenth for Fullers.
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17 An Act against lewd and wandering persons pretending themselues to be Souldiours or Mariners.
18 An Act for the reuiuing, continuance, explanation, perfecting & repealing of diuers Statutes.
19 An Act for the amendment of high wayes in the Counties of Sussex, Surrey, and Kent.
20 An Act against the deceitfull stretching and tainctering of Norwich cloth.
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22 An Act for the establishing of the Bishoprike of Norwich, & the possessions of the same, against a certaine pretended concealed title thereunto.
23 An Act for the repairing of the Bridges of Newport and Carlion in the Countie of Monmouth.
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25 An Act for enlarging of the Statute made for following Huie and Cry in the xxvij. yeere of her maiesties Reigne, in some sort to relieue the Inhabitants of the small hundred of Depwerth, alias Benhertt, in cases where they are in no voluntarie default, and yet are or shalbe charged by the same Statute, and by the two ancient Statutes, the one made the xiij. yeere of King Edward the first, the other in the xxviij. yeere of king Edward the third, for repressing of Robberies.
26 An Act for confirmation of the Subsidies granted by the Clergie.
27 An Act for the grant of three entire Subsidies, and fiue Fifteenes and Tenths granted by the Temporaltie.
28 An Act for the Queenes Maiesties most gracious, generall, and free pardon.

Elizabethæ.

An Acte againſt the decaying of Townes and houſes *of Husbandrie.*

The firſt Chapter.

Here a good part of the ſtrength of this Realme conſiſteth in the number of good and able Subiects: And whereas the decayes of Townes and habitations haue bene by the ancient lawes of this Realme eſteemed an high offence: And where of late yeeres more then in times paſt, there haue ſundry Townes, pariſhes, and houſes of Husbandry bene deſtroyed and become deſolate, by meanes whereof a great number of poore people, are become wanderers idle and looſe, which is the cauſe of infinite inconueniences, Be it therefore enacted by authoritie of this preſent Parliament, that an Act made in the fourth yeere of king Henry the ſeuenth, Intituled, An Act againſt pulling down and deſtruction of Houſes and Townes, and all other Actes heretofore made touching the decayes of houſes of Husbandry, for ſo much of euery of them, as do concerne the decay or reedifying of any Townes, villages, or houſes of Husbandry, or laying or continuing, any quantitie of land to the ſame, ſhall be from henceforth vtterly repealed, ſauing onely for all ſuch offences, whereof and for the which there was at the firſt day of this preſent Parliament, any Action, Bill, ſuite, plaint, or information commenced or depending in her maieſties Court of Starre-chamber, or any other her Maieſties Courts at Weſtminſter.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforeſaid, that euery houſe that now hath or heretofore had twentie Acres of arable land, medow, and paſture, or more thereunto belonging, and ſo occupied or letten to Farme, by the ſpace of three yeeres together, at any time ſithence the beginning of the Queenes Ma-

ieſties reigne that now is, and which is not or hath not bene the Caſtle or dwelling houſe of any Noble man or gentleman, nor the chiefe Manſion houſe of any manour, is, ſ ſhall be adiudged a houſe of Huſbandry for euer, And that al Acres ſpoken of in this Statute, ſhall be adiudged Acres according to the ſtatute or ordinance de terris menſurandis.

And be it alſo enacted by the authoritie aforeſaid, if any perſon or perſons, bodies politique or corporate, at any time ſince the beginning of her ſayd Maieſties Reigne, and before ſeuen yeeres now laſt paſt, haue decayed or waſted, or willingly ſuffered to be decayed or waſted any ſuch houſe of Huſbandry, That in euery ſuch caſe the offendour in that behalfe ſhall erect, build, or repaire, vpon ſome conuenient part of the Scites where the decayes were or bene, or of the lands to any ſuch houſes heretofore belonging, the one halfe in number of ſuch houſes ſo decayed or waſted, if the offendour now hath, or hereafter by the expiration, ſurrender, forfaiture, or other determination of ſuch Leaſes or eſtates as are now in eſſe, ſhall or may haue in his or their owne vſe or occupation, ſo much of the Lands, which belonged to the ſame Houſes or any of them, as will ſuffice to lay thereof fourtie Acres of arable Land, medow, and paſture to euery of the ſame houſes ſo to be erected, builded or repaired: And ſhall then alſo put to euery of the ſame houſes, fourtie Acres of the ſame Lands at the leaſt, being arable land, medow and paſture, conuenient and fit to be vſed and occupied with the ſame houſes: And if the offendor now hath not, nor hereafter by the expiration, ſurrender, forfaiture or determination of any ſuch Leaſes or eſtates, as are now in eſſe, ſhall not or may not haue ſo much of the ſayd Lands, then the offendour to erect, build, or repaire ſo many of the ſame Houſes before by this Act intended to be erected, builded, or repayred, as the ſame offendour can of the ſame Lands then in his or their owne vſe or occupation, put thereunto fourtie Acres of arable Land, medow, and paſture, And in ſuch caſe alſo the ſame offendour ſhall put to euery ſuch Houſe ſo erected, builded, or repaired, fourtie Acres of the ſame Land at the leaſt, being arable Land, medow, and paſture, which ſhall be fit and conuenient to be vſed and occupied with the ſame, And if any the ſame decayed houſes and Scites, and the lands thereunto heretofore belonging, or any part thereof, be in or do come to the poſſeſſion or hands as aforeſayd of any as heire, executour, adminiſtrator, or ſucceſſour to the offendor, or otherwiſe as aſſignee by the immediate and free gift of the offendour as aforeſayd, That in euery ſuch caſe, ſuch heire, executour, adminiſtratour, ſucceſſor or aſſignee, vpon the Scites or ſome other conuenient part of the ſame Landes ſo growen or come vnto him or them,

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And for and in respect of so much of the same Lands as is not before satisfied, by erecting, building, or repairing of houses of Husbandrie, and supplying the same with Lands according to the true intent of this Act in that behalfe, shall erect, build, or repaire such and so many houses of Husbandry in such maner and with like addition of Lands thereunto, as the offender proportionably should haue done in the like case by the true meaning of this Act. And if any of ỹ same wastings or decayings haue happened within seuen yeres now last past, the offenders in that behalfe hauing now, or which hereafter by ỹ expiration, surrender, forfeiture, or other determination of such Leases or estates as are now in esse, shall or may haue in his or their owne vse or occupation so much of the same scite or lands, which belonged to the same house so decayed or wasted, or any of them as can supply euery of the same houses, which had before belonging vnto it vnder fourtie acres, with twentie acres of arable land, meadow, and pasture: and euery such of the same houses which before had fourtie acres or aboue belonging to it, with fourtie acres of arable land, meadowe and pasture, shall erect, builde, or repaire vpon some conuenient part of the scites or lands that belonged to the same houses or any of them, the whole number of the houses so decayed or wasted: And for euery such of the same houses of Husbandry as heretofore had vnder fourtie acres of arable land, meadowe and pasture belonging to it, shall put to the houses of Husbandry so to be erected, builded, or repaired of the landes, which such offendour hath or shall haue as aforesaid, twentie acres at the least of arrable land, meadow, and pasture, fit and conuenient to be vsed and occupied therewith: And for euery such of the same houses of Husbandry so decayed or wasted as aforesayd, as had belonging to it fourty acres of arable land, meadow and pasture or more, shal put to euery of the same houses so to be erected, builded, or repaired of the same landes which such offendour hath, or shall haue as aforesaid, fourty acres at the least of arable land, meadowe and pasture, fit and conuenient to be vsed and occupied therewith. And if the same offendour haue not, or shall not haue as aforesaid, so much of the lands belonging to any of the same houses as may therewith performe that which is aforesaid, then the same offender shall erect, builde, or repaire so many only of the same houses of Husbandrie as hee can, with the same lands in the vse and occupation as aforesayd of such offendour, supply the same houses with such quantitie of arable land, meadowe, and pasture, as before in this article is mentioned to be put to the same, and shall put to euery of the same houses of the same arable land, meadow, and pasture accordingly. And if the same decayed or wasted scites, or houses and lands thereunto

heeretofore belonging, or any part thereof be in or do come to the possession or occupation as aforesaid, of any as heire, executor, administrator or successor to the said offender last before mentioned, or otherwise as assignee, by the immediate and free gift of the same offender, That in euery such case, such heire, executor, administrator, successor, or assignee, vpon some conuenient part of the same scite, or lands, so growen or come to him or them: And for and in respect of so much of the same scite and lands as is not before satisfied by erecting, building or repairing of houses of Husbandry, and supplying the same with lands according to the true intent of this Acte in that behalfe, shall erect, builde, or repaire such and so many houses of Husbandrie, and with like addition of lands thereunto, as the offender proportionably should haue done in like case by the true meaning of this Act. And that all such as haue or shall haue any the houses of Husbandrie decayed or wasted as is aforesaide, at any time since the beginning of her said Maiesties reigne, or the lands thereunto belonging, or any part thereof, by, from, or vnder the offender, for money or other consideration, or otherwise by any other title then vnder the offender: That in euery such case, such so hauing such scites, or houses so decayed or wasted as aforesaid, and the lands which did thereunto belong, or any part thereof, and not before that erected, builded, or repaired with houses of Husbandrie, and supplied with lands according to the true meaning of this Act, shall for and in respect of the same lands, which he or they so haue, proportionably erect, reedifie, and repaire onely the fourth part in number of the like houses of Husbandrie, and with such and the like quantitie of the same landes to be added to euery of the same houses of Husbandry as is before mentioned for the offender, to doe and performe in like cases of decayes made within seuen yeeres now last past.

And be it also enacted, ỹ euery person, body politike & corporate that is to make any erection, building or repairing of houses, as is aforesaid, shal performe two of the same erectiõs, buildings, or repairings, before ỹ feast of Pentecost in ỹ yere of our Lord God, one thousand fiue hundred ninetie nine, if so many be to be done by such party, if not, then one where but one is to be done: And who is to performe more then two, shall thencefoorth yeerely performe two other of the same, vntil al such erections, reedifyings, and reparings be fully performed, which that partie is to do and performe by the true intent of this Acte, and as the same houses shall from time to time be erected, builded, or repaired, the lands as is aforesayd shall be put thereunto, and for such houses as are now standing, the landes in maner as is aforesayd shall be put thereunto before the sayd feast of Pentecost in the yere aforesaid.

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And be it further enacted, that all houses of Husbandry which are to be erected, builded, or repaired, by the true intent of this Acte, and all other houses of Husbandry nowe standing, shall from time to time for euer by the occupiers and possessers thereof be vpholden and mainteined in good and conuenient reparations, inhabitable, & tenantable, and as houses of Husbandry in those parts. And that the lands thereto to be put, or nowe belonging as aforesaid, or as much in goodnes, quantitie, and qualitie, shall be demised with the house by the lessor thereof, whensoeuer the same house shall be demised without any willing default of the lessor in that behalfe, and that the same lands shall be vsed and continued in Tillage and Husbandrie according to the statute in that behalfe. And where any in reason or good conscience ought to haue contribution from any other towardes the charges of any the erections, buildings, or repairings aforesaid, In euery such case vpon a bill to be exhibited into the high court of Chauncerie by such partie against any decayer, or other that ought to be contributorie to the same as aforesaide, such contribution shalbe giuen, and in such sort leuied and payed, as by order of that court shall in that behalfe be set downe or taken.

Prouided alwayes neuertheless, and bee it enacted, if any house of Husbandry now standing hath or shall haue belonging to it, or letten therewith aboue the number of three score acres of arable land, meadow, or pasture in ye whole, the ouerplus thereof may from time to time be added to supply or make vp any other house to be a house of Husbandry of or vnder fourtie acres, & that for the more better and commodious occupying or husbandry of any the landes, meadowes, or pastours which shall be allotted or belonging to any house of Husbandry, as is aforesayde, it shall be lawfull for any Lord to make exchange with any his tenants, or any tenant or other person, with the assent of the Lord to change the one with the other without incurring any the penalties of this statute, any thing in this Acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that if any person hath erected, or hereafter shall erect, any new like house of Husbandry where no house of Husbandry was at any time since the beginning of her Maiesties reigne, with like landes allotted or to be allotted thereunto as aforesaid, and as conuenient, in lieu or place of any house of Husbandrie heretofore decayed, or hereafter to bee decayed, and within two miles thereof: That in euery such case such house so decayed or to bee decayed, is not, nor shall not be repayred, reedified or continued by the true intent of this Acte, so alwayes that the same house newly erected or to be erected, bee continued a like house of Husbandry as aforesayd for euer. And

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if any person or persons which hath built any mansion house fit for the dwelling of a gentleman or any person of higher degree, hath taken into his hands any landes not exceeding the quantitie of fiftie acres, or houses not exceeding the number of two houses, conuenient and needfull to be imployed for maintening of necessary hospitality and housekeeping in that house, such person for such taking into his hands or decaying of such landes or houses shall not bee deemed or taken for any offendour by this Statute.

Prouided also, that this Act, or any thing therein conteined, shall not extend to any Parke, or inclosed ground for Deere, or any lands or houses therein, the same being at this present chiefly stored with, or imployed to Deere.

Prouided also, that this Act, or any thing therein conteined, shall not be preiudiciall to any being out of this Realme, or Infant, or of non sanæ memoriæ, which before by this Acte ought to reedifie, erect, or repayre any house, or houses of Husbandrie, so that euery such person shall yeerely next after his returne, full age, or being of sanæ memoriæ, performe therein the intent of this Act.

And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, that euery person and persons, bodies politike, and corporate, which shall offend in any the premises, shall for euery house that shall not be erected, builded, repaired, continued, or maintened in necessary reparation, tenantable, according to the true meaning of this Acte, by the space of one yeere, forfeit tenne poundes, and so yeerely tenne pounds, vntill the same shall be sufficiently erected, builded, continued, or repaired. And for euery acre of land, meadow, or pasture, which shall not be layed vnto, or let with such houses of Husbandrie, when the same shall be demised as aforesayd, shall forfeit for euery yeere he or they shall so offend, the summe of ten shillings, as long and as often as such acre shall not in those respects be vsed, and ordered according to the intent of this Acte: which forfeiture shalbe diuided into three equall parts, whereof one third part to be to the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and successors, one other part to be to the vse of the poore within the Parish where the offence shall be committed, to be deliuered by the order of the Court, in which the same shall be recouered, to the Churchwardens of the same parish without any charge or other warrant, and the other third part to such as wil sue for the same in any Court of Record at Westminster, by Action, Bill, Plaint, or Information, if any such will sue, if not, to the Queenes Maiestie, her heires, and successors, in which sute, no essoigne, protection, or wager of law shalbe allowed.

And be it further enacted, &c. that the Iustices of Assises to be holden

holden within euery Countie of this Realme, shall haue full power and authoritie to inquire of, heare, and determine, all and euery the sayde defaults and offences to be committed or done within the Counties where any such Assises shall be kept vpon Inquisition, Indictment, Bill, or Information, to be exhibited before them.

Prouided also that no offendor shall be impeached or sued by vertue of this Act, except such suit shall be brought and commenced within two yeres of the same offence committed or done, being prosecuted by any, for himselfe, and her Maiesty, her heires, or successors, but in case where the sayd suit shall be brought, or prosecuted for her Maiesty, her heires, or successours onely, then such suit to be brought and commenced within three yeres of the same offence done and committed. This Act to endure but to the end of the next Session of Parliament.

An Acte for the maintenance of Husbandrie and Tillage.

The ij. Chapter.

WHereas the strength and flourishing estate of this kingdom hath bene alwayes, and is greatly vpheld and aduaunced by the maintenance of the Plough and Tillage, being the occasiõ of the increase and multiplying of people, both for seruice in the warres, & in times of peace, being also a principall mean that people are set on worke, & thereby withdrawen from idlenesse, drunkennesse, vnlawfull games, and all other lewd practises, and conditions of life: And whereas by the same meanes of Tillage and Husbandry, the greater parts of the Subiects are preserued from extreme pouertie in a competent estate of maintenance, and meanes to liue, and the wealth of the Realme is kept, dispersed, and distributed in many hands, where it is more ready to answere

ſwere all neceſſary charges for the ſeruice of the Realme, and whereas alſo the ſayd Husbandrie and Tillage is a cauſe that the Realme doth more ſtand vpon it ſelfe, without depending vpon forreine Countreys, either for bringing in of Corne in time of ſcarcitie, or for vent and vtterance of our owne commodities being in ouer great abundance: And whereas from the xxbit. yere of king Henry the eight, of famous memory, vntill the xxxv. yeere of her Maieſties moſt happy reigne, there was alwayes in force ſome Law which did ordaine a conuerſiõ and continuance of a certaine quantitie & proportion of land in Tillage not to be altered: And that in the laſt Parliament held in the ſayd xxxv. yeere of her Maieſties raigne, partly by reaſon of the great plenty and cheapnes of graine at that time within this Realme, and partly by reaſon of the imperfection and obſcuritie of the Lawe, made in that caſe, the ſame was diſcontinued: Since which time there haue growen many more depopulations, by turning Tillage into paſture, then at any time for the like number of yeeres heretofore:

Be it enacted by the Queene our Soueraigne Lady, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the authoritie of the ſame, That whereas any lands or grounds at any times, ſince the ſeuenteenth of Nouember, in the firſt yere of her maieſties reigne, haue bene conuerted to ſheepe paſtures, or to the fatting or graſing of cattell, the ſame lands hauing bene tillable lands, fields or grounds, ſuch as haue bene vſed in Tillage or for Tillage, by the ſpace of twelue yeeres together at the leaſt next before ſuch conuerſion, according to the nature of the ſoile and courſe of Husbandry vſed in that part of the Countrey, all ſuch landes and grounds, as aforeſayd, ſhall before the firſt day of May, which ſhalbe in the yere of our Lord God, 1599. be reſtored to Tillage, or laied for Tillage in ſuch ſort, as the whole ground, according to the nature of that ſoile, and courſe of Husbandry vſed in that part of the Countrey, be within three yeres at the leaſt turned to Tillage by the occupiers and poſſeſſors thereof, & ſo ſhall be continued for euer.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforeſayd, that all Lands and grounds which now are vſed in Tillage or for Tillage, hauing bin Tillable lands, fields, or grounds, ſuch as next before the firſt day of this preſent Parliament, haue bene by the ſpace of twelue yeres together at the leaſt vſed in Tillage or for Tillage, according to the nature of the ſoyle & courſe of Husbandry vſed in that part of the countrey, ſhall not be conuerted to any Sheepe paſture, or to the graſing or fatting of cattell by the occupiers or poſſeſſours thereof, but ſhall, according to the nature of

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that sorte, and course of Husbandrie vsed in that part of the countrey, continue to be vsed in Tillage or for Tillage for Corne or Graine, and not for woode.

Prouided neuertheles, that if any person or bodie politike or corporate, hath since the fourteenth of November aforesaid, layed, or hereafter shall lay any ground to graze, or hath vsed or shall vse the same ground with Sheepe, or any other Cattell, which ground hath beene or shall be driuen or worne out with Tillage onely vpon good Husbandrie, and with intent bona fide, without fraude or couine, y same ground should recouer heart & strength, and not with intent to continue the same otherwise in sheepe pasture, or for fatting or grazing of cattell, that no such person or bodie politike or corporate, shalbe intended for that ground a conuerter, within the meaning of this law.

Prouided also, that if any such occupier or possessor of ground, as aforesayd, hath broke vp, conuerted, or layed foorth, or shall breake vp, conuert, or lay foorth into Tillage any other ground not liable to this present law, as aforesayd, and lying within the same parish, Towne, Hamlet, or Lordship, or within two mile of the same land formerly tilled, that for such quantitie onely, and for so long time as he hath so done or continued, or shall so doe or continue, he shall not incurre any penalty contained in this Act, but that it shall be lawfull for any such Occupier or Possessor, at his libertie and pleasure, and according to his best commoditie and Husbandrie, to change and alter from time to time such ground put or to be put in Tillage, so that euery such Occupier do keepe the summe or totall of the quantitie or proportion of his grounds lying within the same parish, Towne, Hamlet, or Lordship, or within two mile of the same land formerly tilled in Tillage, as aforesaid.

Prouided also, that this Acte shall not extende to any ground that any person, body politike or corporate hath turned or shall turne from Tillage to Pasture for the onely maintenance or keeping of his or their owne Horses, Geldings, Mares, or draught Oxen, or the Horses, Geldings, or Mares of his or their owne familie, or others comming to his or their house, or for the maintenance or keeping of kine, sheepe, or other cattell, for the onely victuals to be spent in his or their houses, or for the needfull and necessary fatting of his or their tillable lands.

Prouided neuertheles, that no persons that shall commonly feede, and sell yerely Beeues and Muttons to a greater number then he or they shall yeerely spend in victuall in his or their mansion house or houses, or more then shall growe or be needfull to be tilled out, or in respect of the necessary foode for maintenance of housekeeping, and tilling the tillable landes as aforesayde, or

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that shall be a common fatter of Beeues, or Muttons, or any of them as a common Grasier or Sheepe master, to be commonly sold in Markets and Faires, or to the common Butchers; other then in respect of the necessary stocke aforesaid, shall be taken, expounded or understood to be such person or persons, bodies politique or corporate, as by this Prouiso last aboue mentioned, may keepe any ground or pasture whole and not conuerted into Tillage, for the maintenance and keeping Kine, Sheepe, or other Cattell for the onely victuall to be spent in their owne houses, or for the needfull soyling of their tillable lands, but bene and shall be excepted out of the same Prouiso, any thing in the same Prouiso contained to the contrary notwithstanding. And whereas it is mentioned, that this Acte or any thing therein contained, shall not extend to be preiudiciall to any person or persons, bodies politike or corporate, for the keeping of any ground in pasture, for the onely maintenance and keeping of his or their Horses, Mares, Geldings, or draught oxen, or for the maintenance, and keeping of Kine, and other Cattell for the onely prouision and victualling of his or their Mansion or dwelling house or houses, Be it declared and enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that if it shall fortune any such person or persons to be absent, and not resident at or vpon his or their vsuall Mansion, or dwelling house or houses, with his family or household, for and by occasion of seruice, or attendance to be done by any such person or persons, by ỹ expresse commandement of the Queens Maiestie, her heires, or successors, within the Realme, or without, or else hauing two or three mansion or dwelling houses, shall be resident and dwelling with his family, but at one of them, or shall be within age, That then during, and for the time of such seruice, attendance, minoritie and absence, and one yeere next after, or during, and for the time that he or they shalbe resident or dwelling with his familie, but at or vpon one of his dwelling houses, he or they shall ꝛ may keepe such grounds in pasture, belonging or vsually occupied wᵗh any of the sayd two or three houses, and with no more, or others in his or their owne hands or occupatiõ, or let it out to any other person or persons, without incurring of any danger or forfaiture by vertue of this Act, So that the same person or persons, shall and do keep the same mansion and dwelling house or houses vnletten in good sufficient reparations, and meete and conuenient for him or them to repaire, and resort vnto at all times for his and their dwelling and abode, any thing in this Acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that if any person, or body politique or corporate, shall offend against the premisses, euery such person or body politike or corporate so offending,

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[illegible] Justices of Assise, or Justices of the peace in every County within this Realme at the Assises or Quarter sessions generall there holden, shall have full power and authority by vertue of this Act to enquire, heare and determine all and every the offences committed or done contrary to this Act, within [illegible] any such Assises or sessions shall be had, by Examination of Witnesse, Indictment, Bill or Information, or by any of the lawfull wayes and meanes, and upon the same to give judgement, and by order of the Law to cause execution or stay of any other thing for the same to be done, for the recovery of such Fines, Issues and Amerciaments, given in the Statutes of Peace, and towards execution of the two other third parts; the one for the compleinant or Informer, and the other to the poore by the direction of the Justices of peace at the generall Sessions against the offender by Distresse, and Capias, as her Maiesties Justices at Westminster may doe and use to doe: And if any such conviction shall hereafter happen to be at her Maiesties suite onely, that then the forfeitures to be extracted and levied for her Maiestie, her heires and successors to the use aforesaid. And it is also further enacted, that if any person shall hereafter bee punished by vertue of this Act, for any thing mentioned in this Act, that then the same person shall not otherwise be vexed, troubled, sued or put to any paine or punishment for the thing, wherefore he or they shall have bene so punished.

Provided also that no offenders shall bee impeached by vertue of this Acte, except such suite shall bee brought and commenced within two yeres of the same offence committed done: In case where the same suite shall bee brought and prosecuted to

Pounds [illegible] that this Acte shall extende to any Pasture, Heath, Moore, Waste, or barren ground, wherein there shall be any other woode then commonly vsed to be vsed or cutte for fuell, and which is not meete and strong enough to be amended with fortifiage according to the nature of the Soyle, and quantitie of the Countrey, Mountaine, Commons, Forrests, Woodes, Waste, nor to any Marshes being vsually ouerflowen with water, at any time of the yeere, nor to any Vineyardes or grounds couered and hedged, and which are or shall bee so kept and continued by charge of bankes, Nor to any Parke, or Parkes, Warren or Warrens, Nor to any inclosed grounds nowe vsed with decre or Conies, or which hereafter by licence from her Maiestie, her heires, or successours, with sufficient clause of dispensation aforemencioning this Act, shalbe principally appointed and imployed to the maintenance of Deere, and Conies, without fraude or couin, nor to any Meadowes, nor to any Wood grounds, nor to any Orchard, Garden, Hople, or Vineyard, nor to any grounds set or sowen with Saffron, Hops, Garlicke, Onions, or other such garden Rootes meete for victuall, Nor to any place or soile, whereupon any house or Tenement habitablie is erected, and the Curtillages, Yards, and Backesides thereof, Nor to any ground occupied or let with any Tenement, being vnder the quantitie of twentie Acres, as long as such Tenements shall be continued not decayed, nor to any grounds wherein any Oare, Lead, Tinne, Iron, Cole, commonly called Seacole, Stone cole, or Wooze cole is commonly got, All which to be intended, during such time onely, as all and euery the grounds aforesaid, shal be vsed or put to the vses and intents aboue specified, Any thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes that this last proviso shall not giue any benefite, aduantage, or libertie to any person or persons, which hath conuerted or imployed, or hereafter shall conuert or imploy any

any more ground to the keeping of Conies, not being lawfull warren then nine Acres at the most, and the same to be within one mile of his dwelling house.

Prouided also, that this Act shall not extend to any Counties within this Realme of England, but such onely as shall be hereafter specified, that is to say, the Counties of Northampton, Leicester, Warwicke, Buckingham, Bedford, Oxford, Berkeshire, the Isle of Wight, Glocester, Worcester, Nottingham, Hampshire, Wiltshire, Somerset, Dorset, Derby, Rutland, Lincolne, Hereford, Cambridge, Huntingdon, Yorke, Pembroke in South Wales, and the Bishoprike of Durham, and Northumberland, and the Counties of all Cities and Corporations, lying, situate, and being within the Counties aforesaid, or confining to the same, and the Ainstie of the Countie of the Citie of Yorke.

Prouided alwayes, that neither this Acte, nor any thing therein contained, shall extend to any ground nowe conuerted from Tillage to Meadow or Pasture, lying within two miles of the great roade way, called Watling streete, leading from the Towne of Dunstable in the Countie of Bedford, towards Westchester, so that the same ground be not aboue fiue miles from the parish Church of Dunstable, nor within two miles thereof. This Acte to indure to the ende of the next Session of Parliament.

An acte for the releefe of the poore.

The iij. Chapter.

BE it enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that the Churchwardens of euery Parish, and foure substantiall householders there being Subsidie men, or for want of Subsidie men, foure other substantiall houlholders of the sayde Parish, who shall bee nominated yeerely in Easter weeke, vnder the hand and Seale of two or more Justices of the peace in the same Countie, whereof one to be of the Quorum, dwelling in, or neere the same Parish, shall be called Ouerseers of the poore of the same Parish, or they, or the greater part of them shall take order from time to time, by, and with the consent of two or more such Justices of Peace, for setting to worke of the children of all such, whose parents shall not by the sayd persons bee thought able to keepe and maintaine their children, And also all such persons maried or vnmaried, as having no meanes to maintaine them, vse no ordinarie and daily trade of life to get their liuing by, and also to raise weekely or otherwise (by taxation of euery Inhabitant, and euery occupier of Landes in the sayde Parish, in such competent summe and summes of money as they shall thinke fit) a conuenient stocke of Flaxe, Hempe, Wooll, Threed, Iron, and other necessarie Ware and Stuffe to set the poore on worke, and also competent summes of money, for, and towards the necessarie releefe of the Lame, Impotent, Old, Blinde, and such other among them being poore, and not able to worke, and also for the putting out of such children to bee apprentices, to bee gathered out of the same parish, according to the abilitie of the sayde parish, and to doe and execute all other thinges, as well for the disposing of the sayde stocke, as otherwise concerning the premisses, as to them shall seeme conuenient: which sayde Churchwardens and Ouerseers so to be nominated, or such of them as shall not be let by sicknesse or other iust excuse, to bee allowed by such two Iu-

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ſtices of Peace or more, ſhall meete together at the leaſt once euery moneth in the Church of the ſayd Pariſh, vpon the Sunday in the afternoone, after diuine Seruice, there to conſider of ſome good courſe to be taken, and of ſome meete orders to be ſet downe in the premiſſes, & ſhall within foure dayes after the ende of their yeere, and after other Ouerſeers nominated as aforeſaid, make and yeeld vp to ſuch two Iuſtices of Peace, a true and perfect account of all ſummes of money by them receiued, or rated and ſeſſed, and not receiued: and alſo of ſuch ſtocke as ſhall be in their handes, or in the hands of any of the poore to worke, and of all other things concerning their ſayde office, and ſuch ſumme or ſummes of money as ſhall be in their hands, ſhall pay and deliuer ouer to the ſayd Churchwardens and Ouerſeers, newly nominated and appoynted as aforeſaid, vpon paine that euery one of them abſenting themſelues without lawfull cauſe as aforeſaid, from ſuch monethly meeting for the purpoſe aforeſaid, or being negligent in their office, or in the execution of the orders aforeſaid, being made by, and with the aſſent of the ſayde Iuſtices of Peace, to forfeit for euery ſuch default, xx. ſhillings. And be it alſo enacted, that if the ſaid Iuſtices of peace do perceiue that the inhabitants of any pariſh are not able to leuie among thēſelues ſufficient ſummes of money for the purpoſes aforeſaid, that then the ſaide Iuſtices ſhall, and may taxe, rate, and aſſeſſe, as aforeſayd, any other of other pariſhes, or out of any Pariſh within the Hundred where the ſayde Pariſh is, to pay ſuch ſumme and ſummes of money to the Churchwardens and Ouerſeers of the ſaid poore Pariſh, for the ſaid purpoſes, as the ſaide Iuſtices ſhall thinke fit, according to the intent of this lawe. And if the ſayd Hundred ſhall not bee thought to the ſayd Iuſtices, able, and fit to releeue the ſayde ſeuerall Pariſhes not able to prouide for themſelues as aforeſaid, then the Iuſtices of Peace, at their generall Quarter Seſſions, or the greater number of them, ſhal rate, and aſſeſſe as aforeſaid, any other of other Pariſhes, or out of any Pariſh within the ſayd Countie, for the purpoſes aforeſaid, as in their diſcretion ſhall ſeeme fit.

And that it ſhall bee lawfull for the ſayde Churchwardens and ouerſeers, or any of them, by warrant from any two ſuch Iuſtices of Peace, to leuie as well the ſayde ſummes of money of euery one that ſhall refuſe to contribute according as they ſhall bee aſſeſſed, by diſtreſſe and ſale of the offenders goods, as the ſummes of money, or ſtocke which ſhall be behinde vpon any accompt to bee made as aforeſayde, rendering to the partie the ouerplus, and in defect of ſuch diſtreſſe, it ſhall bee lawfull for any ſuch two Iuſtices of the Peace, to commit him to priſon, there to remaine without baile or mainprize,

till payment of the sayd summe or stocke, And the sayd Justices of peace or any one of them, to send to the house of correction such, as shall not imploy themselues to worke, being appointed thereunto as aforesayd. And also any two such Justices of peace, to commit to prison euery one of the sayd Churchwardens and Ouerseers, which shall refuse to accompt, there to remaine without baile or mainepryse, till he haue made a true accompt, and satisfied and payd so much as vpon the sayd accompt shall be remaining in his hands.

And be it further enacted, that it shall be lawfull for the sayde Churchwardens and Ouerseers or the greater part of them, by the assent of any two Justices of the peace, to binde any such children as aforesayd to bee Apprentices, where they shall see conuenient, till such manchilde shall come to the age of xxiiii. yeeres, and such womanchilde to the age of xxi. yeres, The same to be as effectuall to all purposes, as if such childe were of full age, and by Indenture of couenant bound him or herselfe. And to the intent that necessarie places of habitation may more conueniently bee prouided for such poore impotent people, Be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that it shall and may bee lawfull for the sayde Churchwardens and Ouerseers or the greater part of them, by the leaue of the lord or lords of the Manour, whereof any waste or Common within their Parish is or shall be parcell, and vpon agreement before with him or them made in writing, vnder the hands and seales of the said lord or lords, or otherwise, according to any order to bee set downe by the Justices of peace of the sayde Countie, at their generall quarter Sessions, or the greater part of them, by like leaue and agreement of the sayd lord or lords in writing vnder his or their hands and seales, to erect, build, and set vp in fit and conuenient places of habitation, in such waste or Common, at the generall charges of the Parish, or otherwise of the Hundred or County as aforesaid, to be tared, rated and gathered in maner before expressed, conuenient houses of dwelling for the sayd impotent poore, and also to place Inmates, or more families then one in one Cottage or house, One Acte made in the xxxi. yeere of her Maiesties reigne intituled, An Act against the erecting and mainteining of Cottages, or any thing therein conteined to the contrary notwithstanding. Prouided alwayes, that if any person or persons shall finde themselues grieued with any Sesse or Taxe, or other Act done by the sayde Churchwardens, and other persons, or by the said Justices of peace, that then it shall be lawfull for the Justices of peace at their generall quarter Sessions, or the greater number of them, to take such order therein as to them shalbe thought conuenient, And the same to conclude and binde all the said parties.

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And be it further enacted, that the parents or children of euery poore, old, blinde, lame, & impotent person or other poore person not able to worke, being of a sufficient abilitie, shall at their owne charges, relieue and maintaine euery such poore person in that maner, and according to that rate, as by the Justices of peace of that Countie where such sufficient persons dwell, or the greater number of them, at their generall quarter Sessions shall be assessed, vpon paine that euery one of them to forfeit twentie shillings for euery moneth, which they shall faile therein.

And be it further hereby enacted, that the Maiors, Baylifes, or other head Officers of euery corporate Towne within this Realme, being Justice or Justices of Peace, shall haue the same authoritie by vertue of this Act, within the limits and precincts of their corporations, aswell out of Sessions, as at their Sessions, as is herein limited, prescribed and appointed to any of the Justices of peace of the Countie, for all the vses and purposes in this Acte prescribed, and no other Justice of Peace to enter or meddle there.

And be it also enacted, that if it shall happen any Parish to extend it selfe into moe Counties then one, or part to lye within the liberties of any Citie, or Towne corporate, and part without, that then, aswel the Justices of peace of euery Countie, as also the head Officers of such Citie or Towne corporate, shall deale and intermeddle only in so much of the said Parish as lieth within their libertie and not any further.

And bee it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, That from the first day of Nouember next ensuing the end of this Session of Parliament, no person or persons whatsoeuer, shall goe wandring abroad and begge in any place wheresoeuer, by licence or without, vpon paine to be esteemed, taken and punished as a Rogue.

Prouided alwayes that this present Acte shall not extend to any poore people, which shall aske reliefe of victuals onely in the same Parish where such poore people doe dwell, so the same be in such time only, and according to such order and direction, as shall be made and appoynted by the Churchwardens and Ouerseers of the poore of the same Parish, according to the true intent and meaning of this Act.

And further be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that all penalties and forfeitures before mentioned in this Act, shall goe and be imployed to the vse of the poore of the same Parish, and towardes a Stocke and habitation for them, and other necessarie vses and reliefe, as before in this Act are mentioned and expressed, and shall be leuied by the sayde Churchwardens and Ouerseers, or one of them, by warrant from any two such Justices of

Peace by distresse and sale, as aforesayde, or in defect thereof, it shall be lawfull for any two such Justices of Peace to commit the offender to prison, there to remayne without bayle or mainprise, till the sayde forfeitures shall be satisfied and payed: And forasmuch as all begging is forbidden by this present Act:

Be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that the Justices of Peace of euery Countie or place corporate, or the more part of them in their generall Sessions to be holden, next after the ende of this Session of Parliament, or in default thereof, at the Quarter Sessions to bee holden, about the feast of Easter next, shall rate euery Parish to such a weekely summe of money as they shall thinke conuenient, so as no Parish bee rated aboue the summe of fiue pence, nor vnder the summe of an halfepeny, weekely to be payed, and so as the totall summe of such taxation of the Parishes in euery Countie, amount not aboue the rate of two pence for euery Parish in the sayde Countie, which summes so taxed, shall be yeerely assessed by the agreement of the Parishioners within themselues, or in default thereof by the Churchwardens and Constables of the same Parish, or the more part of them, or in default of their agreement, by the order of such Justice or Justices of Peace as shall dwell in the same Parish, or (if none be there dwelling) in the parts next adioyning: And if any person shall refuse, or neglect to pay any such portion of money so taxed, it shall be lawfull for the sayde Churchwardens and Constables, or in their default, for the Justices of the Peace, to leuie the same by distresse, and sale of the goods of the partie so refusing or neglecting, rendering to the partie the ouerplus, and in default of such distresse, it shall bee lawfull to any Justice of that limite, to commit such persons to prison, there to abide without baile or mainprise, till he haue payed the same.

And bee it also enacted, that the sayde Justices of the Peace, at their generall Quarter Sessions to bee holden at the time of such taxation, shall set downe what competent summe of money shall be sent quarterly out of euery Countie or place corporate, for the releefe of the poore prisoners of the Kings Bench and Marshalsey, and also of such Hospitals and Almes houses, as shall be in the sayde Countie, and what summes of money shall bee sent to euery one of the sayde Hospitals and Almes houses, so as there bee sent out of euery Countie yeerely twentie shillings at the least, to the sayde prisoners of the Kings Bench and Marshalsey, which summes ratably to be assessed vpon euery Parish, the Churchwardens of euery Parish shall truely collect and pay ouer to the high Constable

Constable, in whose diuision such parish shall be scituate from time to time quarterly, ten dayes before the end of euery quarter: and euery such Constable at euery such Quarter Sessions in such Countie, shall pay ouer the same, to two such Justices of the Peace, or to one of them, as shall be by the more part of the Justices of Peace of the Countie, elected to bee Treasurers of the sayde Collection, which Treasurers in euery Countie so chosen, shall continue but for the space of one whole yeere, and then giue vp their charge with a true account of their receits and disbursements at their meeting in the Quarter Sessions, to bee holden after the Feast of Easter in euery yeere, to such others as shall from yeere to yeere in forme aforesayde be successiuely elected, which sayd Treasurers, or one of them, shall pay ouer the same to the lorde chiefe Justice of England, and knight Marshall for the time being, equally to be diuided to the vse aforesayde, taking their acquittances for the same, or in default of the sayde chiefe Justice, to the next ancientest Justice of the Kings bench, as aforesayde. And if any Churchwarden or high Constable, or his executors, or administrators, shall faile to make payment in forme aboue specified, then euery Churchwarden, his executors or administrators so offending, shall forfait for euery time, the summe of ten shillings, and euery high Constable, his executors or administrators, shall forfait for euery time the summe of twentie shillings, the same forfeitures together with the summes behinde, to be leuied by the said Treasurer and Treasurers by way of distresse, and sale of the goods as aforesayd, in forme aforesayd, and by them to be imployed, towards the charitable vses comprised in this Act.

And be it further enacted, that all the surplusage of money which shall be remayning in the sayd stocke of any Countie, shall by discretion of the more part of the Justices of Peace in their Quarter Sessions, be ordered, distributed and bestowed for the releife of the poore Hospitals of that Countie, and of those that shall sustaine losses by fire, water, the Sea or other casualties, and to such other charitable purposes, for the releife of the poore, as to the more part of the sayd Justices of Peace shall seeme conuenient.

And be it further enacted, that if any Treasurer shall wilfully refuse to take vpon him the sayd office of Treasurership, or refuse to distribute and giue releife according to such forme as shall bee appointed by the more part of the sayde Justices of Peace, that then it shall be lawfull for the Justices of Peace in their quarter Sessions, or in their default for the Justices of Assize, at the Assizes to be holden in the same Countie, to fine the same Treasurer by their discretion: the same fine to be leuied by sale of his goods,

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and to be proſecuted by any two of the ſayde Juſtices of Peace whom they ſhall authorize.

Prouided alwayes neuertheleſſe, that euery Souldier being diſcharged of his ſeruice, or otherwiſe lawfully licenſed to paſſe into his countrey, and not hauing wherewith to relieue himſelfe in his trauels homewards, and euery Seafaring man landing from Sea, not hauing where with to relieue himſelfe in his trauels homewards, hauing a teſtimoniall vnder the hand of ſome one Juſtice of the Peace, of, or neere the place where he landed or was diſcharged, ſetting downe therein the place & time, where, and when he landed, or was diſcharged, and the place of the parties dwelling or birth, vnto which he is to paſſe, and a conuenient time therein to be limited for his paſſage, ſhall and may without incurring the danger or penaltie of this Acte in the vſuall wayes, directly to the place vnto which he is directed to paſſe, and within the time in ſuch his teſtimoniall limited for his paſſage, aske and receiue ſuch reliefe as ſhall be neceſſarie, in, and for his paſſage: this Act or any thing therein conteined to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Prouided alwayes, that this Act ſhall indure no longer then to the end of the next Seſſion of Parliament.

An acte for punishment of Rogues, Vagabondes and sturdy Beggers.

Be it enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that from and after the feast of Easter next comming, all Statutes heretofore made for the punishment of Rogues, Vagabonds or sturdie beggers, or for the erection or maintenance of houses of correction, or touching the same, shall for so much as concerneth the same be vtterly repealed: And that from and after the saide feast of Easter, from time to time it shall and may be lawfull to and for the Justices of Peace of any Countie or Citie in this Realme or the Dominions of Wales, assembled at any quarter Sessions of the Peace within the same Countie, Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, or the more part of them, to set downe order to erect, and to cause to be erected one or more houses of correction within their seuerall Counties or Cities: for the doing and performing whereof, and for the prouiding of stockes of money, and all other things necessary for the same, and the raising and gouerning of the same, and for correction and punishment of offenders thither to bee committed, such orders as the same Justices or the more part of them shall from time to time take, reforme, or set downe in any their said quarter Sessions in that behalfe, shall be of force, and be duely performed and put in execution.

And bee it also further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, That all persons calling themselues Schollers going about begging, all Seafaring men pretending losses of their ships or goods on the Sea, going about the countrey begging, All sole persons going about in any countrey either begging or vsing any subtile craft, or vnlawfull games and playes, or faining themselues to haue knowledge in Phisiognomie, Palmestry, or other like craftie science, or pretending that they can tell destinies, fortunes, or such other like fantasticall imaginations: All persons

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that be, or bitter themselues to be Doctors, procurers, patent gatherers, or collectors for gaoles, prisons, or hospitalls, Shipwrights, Mariners, Beare wards, common players of Interludes, and Minstrels, wandering abroad (other then players of Interludes belonging to any Baron of this Realme, or any other honourable personage of greater degree; to bee authorized to play vnder the hand and Seale of Armes of such Baron or personage) All Jugglers, Tinckers, Pedlers, and petie Chapmen wandering abroad, all vagabonds, idle persons and common labourers, being persons able in body, liuing idly, and refusing to worke for such reasonable wages, as is taxed or commonly giuen in such parts where such persons dwell, or shall happen to dwell or abide, not hauing liuing otherwise to maintaine themselues, All persons vnlawfully retained out of gaoles that begge for their fees, or otherwise vse vnlawfull begging: All such persons as shall wander abroade begging, pretending losses by fire, or otherwise: And all such persons not being felons, wandering and pretending themselues to be Egyptians, or wandering in the habite, forme, or attire of counterfeit Egyptians, shall be taken, adiudged and deemed Rogues, vagabonds, and sturdy beggers, and shall sustaine such paine and punishments, as by this Acte is in that behalfe appointed.

And bee it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that euery person which is by this present Acte declared to be a Rogue, Vagabond, or sturdie begger, which shall be at any time after the saide feast of Easter next comming, taken begging, vagrant, wandering or misordering themselues in any part of this Realme or the Dominion of Wales, shall vpon their apprehension by the appointment of any Iustice of the Peace, Constable, Headborough or Tythingman of the same Countie, Hundred, Parish, or Tything, where such person shall bee taken, the Tythingman or Headborough, being assisted therein with the aide of the Minister, and one other of that Parish, be stripped naked from the middle vpwards, and shall bee openly whipped vntil his or her body be bloody: and shall be forthwith sent from Parish to Parish, by the Officers of euery the same, the next straight way to the Parish where he was borne, if the same may be knowen by the parties confession or otherwise. And if the same be not knowen, then to the Parish where hee or she last dwelt before the same punishment by the space of one whole yere, there to put him, or her selfe to labour as a true subiect ought to doe: Or not being knowen where hee or she was borne or last dwelt, then to the Parish through which he or shee last passed without punishment. After which whipping the same person shall haue a testimoniall subscribed with the hand, & sealed with

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the seale of the same Iustice of the peace, constable, headborough or tithingman, & of the Minister of the same parish, or of any two of them, testifying that the same person hath bene punished according to this Act, & mentioning the day and place of his or her punishment, and the place where vnto such person is limited to goe, and by what time the sayde person is limited to passe thither at his perill. And if the said person through his or her default do not accomplish the order appointed by the sayd testimoniall, then to be eftsoones taken and whipped, and so as often as any default shalbe found in him or her contrary to the forme of this statute, in euery place to be whipped, till such person be repaired to the place limited: The substance of which testimoniall shalbe registred by the Minister of that parish, in a booke to be prouided for that purpose, vpon paine to forfeit fiue shillings for euery default thereof, and the partie so whipped, and not knowen where he or she was borne, or last dwelt by the space of a yere, shal by the officers of the said village where he or she so last past thorow without punishment, be conueyed to the house of Correction of the limit wherein the said village standeth, or to the common gaole of that countie or place, there to remaine and be imployed in worke, vntill he or she shalbe placed in some seruice, & so to continue by the space of one yere, or not being able of body, vntill he or she shalbe placed to remaine in some Almeshouse in the same County or place.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted, if any of the said Rogues shall appeare to be dangerous to the inferior sort of people where they shalbe taken, or otherwise be such as will not be reformed of their rogish kind of life by the former prouisions of this act, That in euery such case it shall and may be lawfull to the sayd Iustices of the limit where any such Rogue shall be taken, or any two of them, whereof one to be of the Quorum, to commit that Rogue to the house of Correction, or otherwise to the gaole of the County, there to remaine vntill their next quarter Sessions to be holden in that Countie, & then such of the same Rogues so committed, as by the Iustices of the Peace then and there present, or the most part of them, shalbe thought fit not to be deliuered, shall and may lawfully by the same Iustices or the most part of them, bee banished out of this Realme, & all other the Dominions thereof, and at the charges of that Countrey, shall be conueyed vnto such parts beyond ꝑ seas as shall be at any time hereafter for that purpose assigned by the priuie Counsel vnto her Maiesty, her heires or successors, or by any fiue or more of them, whereof the L. Chancellor, or L. Keeper of the great Seale, or the L. Treasurer for the time being to be one. Or otherwise be iudged perpetually to the Galleis of this Realme, as by the same Iustices or the most part of them it shall be thought fit and expedient. And if any such

Rogue so banished as aforesaid shal returne againe into any part of this Realme or dominion of Wales without lawfull licence or warrant so to doe, that in euery such case such offence shall be felonie, & the partie offending therin suffer death as in case of felony. The said felony to be heard & determined in that County of this Realme or Wales, in which the offendor shall be apprehended.

And be it also enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that if any towne, parish, or village, the Constable, Headborough or Tithingman be negligent & do not his or their best indeuours for the apprehension of such bagabõd, rogue or sturdy beggar, which there shalbe found contrary to the forme of this present act, & to cause euery of thẽ to be punished & conueied according to ỹ true meaning of this present act, that then the said constable, headborough or tithingman, in whõ such default shall be, shall lose & forfeit for euery such default x.s. And also if any person or persons doe in any wise disturbe or let ỹ execution of this law or any part therof, concerning the punishmẽt or conueying of rogues, bagabonds, sturdy beggars, or the relefe or setling of poore impotent persons in any maner of wise, or make resistile against any officer or person authorized by this present act for the due execution of any the premisses, ỹ same person so offending, shal forfeit & lose for euery such offence the summe of v.li. & shalbe bound to the good behauiour.

And be it also further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that no person or persons hauing charge in any voyage, in passing frõ the realmes of Ireland or Scotland, or from the Isle of Man into this Realme of England, doe wittingly or willingly bring or conuey, or suffer to be brought or conueyed in any vessell or boate from & out of the said realm of Ireland, Scotland, or isle of Man, into the realme of England or Wales or any part thereof, any bagabond, rogue or beggar, or any such as shalbe forced or very like to liue by begging within the realm of England or Wales, being borne in ỹ same realmes or Iland, on paine of euery such person so offending, to forfeit & lose for euery such bagabond, rogue, beggar, or other person like to liue by begging xx.s. to the vse of the poore of the said parish in which they were set on land. And if any such mannish, scottish or Irish rogue, bagabond or beggar, be already, or shal at any time hereafter be set on land, or shal come into any part of Englãd or Wales, ỹ same after he or she shalbe punished as aforesaid, shalbe cõueied to ỹ next port or parish in or neere which they were landed or first came, in such sort as rogues are appointed to be by this present Act, & from thence to be transported at the common charge of the countrey where they were set on land, into those parts frõ whence they came or were brought. And that euery Constable, Headborough & Tithingman neglecting the due performance thereof shal forfeit for euery such offence x.s.

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Be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that no diseased or impotent poore person shall at any time resort or repaire from their dwelling places to the city of Bath, or towne of Burton, or either of them to the Bathes there for the ease of their griefes, unlesse such person doe forbeare to begge, and be licensed to passe thither by two Justices of the peace of the County where such person doth or shall then dwell or remaine, and provided for to travelle with such reliefe, for & towards his or her maintenance as shal be necessary for the same person, for the time of such his or her travel, & abode at the city of Bath & towne of Burton, or either of them, and returne thence, and shal returne home again as shalbe limited by the said licence, upon paine to be reputed, punished and used as rogues, vagabondes, and sturdy beggers declared by this present Acte. And that the inhabitants of the same City of Bath, and towne of Burton shall not in any wise be charged by this Act with the finding or reliefe of any such poore people.

Provided alwayes that the Justices of Peace within any Countie of this Realme or Wales, shal not intromit or enter into any Citie, borough, or townes corporate, where be any Justice or Justices of the Peace for any such City, borough or towne corporate for the execution of any branch, article or sentence of this Acte, for or concerning any offence, matter or cause growing or arising within the precincts, liberties or iurisdictions of such Citie, borough, or townes corporate, But that it may and shall bee lawfull to the Justice and Justices of the Peace, Maiors, Bayliffes, and other head Officers of those Cities, Boroughes, and Townes corporate, where there be such Justices of the Peace to proceed to the execution of this Act, within the precint and compasse of their liberties in such maner and forme as the Justices of Peace in any Countie may or ought to doe within the same Countie, by vertue of this Acte, Any thing in this Act to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes that this Act, or any thing therein contained, shall not extend to the poore people for the time being, in the Hospital, called S. Thomas Hospital, otherwise called the Kings Hospital in the Borough of Southwarke neere adioyning to the Citie of London, but that the Maior, communalty and citizens of the said Citie of London for the time being, shal and may haue the rule, order and gouernment of the said Hospitall, and of the poore people therein for the time being, any thing in this Acte to the contrarie notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes that this Acte or any thing therein contayned or any authoritie thereby giuen, shall not in any wise extend to disinherite, preiudice or hinder Iohn Dutton of Dutton, in the Countie of Chester Esquire, his heires or assignes, for, touching

or concerning any liberties, preeminence, authoritie, iurisdiction or other thinges, which the saide Iohn Dutton now lawfully vseth, or hath, or lawfully may or ought to vse within the Countie Palantine of Chester, and the Countie of the Citie of Chester, or either of them by reason of any auncient Charters of any Kings of this land, or by reason of any prescription, vsage, or title, whatsoeuer.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that all fines & forfeitures appointed or to growe by this present Act, (except such as are otherwise limited and appointed by this present Acte) shall wholy go and be imployed to the vse of the reparations and maintenance of the said houses of Correction, and stocke and store thereof, or relefe of the poore where the offence shall be committed at the discretion of the Iustices of the Peace of the same limit, citie, borough or towne corporate: And that all fines and forfeitures appointed or to growe by conuiction of any person according to this present Acte, shall by warrant vnder the hands and seales of any two or more of the Iustices of the Peace of the same Countie, citie, borough or towne corporate, be leuied by distresse and sale of the goods and chattels of the offendor, which sale shall be good in the Lawe against such offendor. And that if any of the said offences shalbe confessed by the offendor, or that the same shal be proued by two sufficient & lawfull witnesses, before such two or more Iustices of the Peace, That then euery such person shall forthwith stand and be in the Law conuicted thereof.

And be it also further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that any two or more Iustices of the Peace within all the said seueral Shires, cities, boroughes or townes corporate, whereof one to be of the Quorum, shall haue full power by authoritie of this present Acte, to heare and determine all causes that shall growe or come in question by reason of this Acte.

And be it also further enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that the Lord Chancellor or Keeper of the great seale of England for the time being, shall and may at all times hereafter by vertue of this present Act, without further warrant, make, & direct Commission or Commissions vnder the great Seale of England, to any person or persons, giuing them or some of them thereby authoritie, as well by the oathes of good and lawfull men, as of witnesses or examination of parties, or by any other lawfull wayes or meanes whatsoeuer, to enquire what summes of money or other things haue bene or shall be collected or gathered for, or towards the erection of any houses of Correction, or any stockes or other things to set poore on worke, or for the maintenance thereof at any time after the seuenteenth day of November, in the eighteenth yere of the reigne of the Queenes most excellent Maiestie,

ſeſſie, and by whom the ſame were or ſhalbe collected or gathered, and to whoſe hands commen, and to what vſe, & by whoſe direction the ſame was or ſhalbe imployed. And to call all & euery ſuch perſon and perſons, and their ſureties, and euery of their executors or adminiſtrators to an accompt: And to compell them and euery of them by attachment of their goods or bodies to appeare before them for the ſame, & to heare and determine the ſame, and to leuie ſuch money and things as they ſhal find not to haue bene duly imployed vpon the ſaid houſes of Correction, or ſtocks, or vpon other like vſes, hauing in ſuch other like vſes reſpect of things paſt by the ſaid Cõmiſſioners to be allowed of, either by diſtreſſe and ſale of the goods & chattels of ſuch perſons as they ſhal thinke fit to be chargeable or anſwerable for ſ̃ ſame, or by impriſõment of their bodies at their diſcretion: And that the ſayd Commiſſioners ſhall haue full power & authoritie to execute the ſame Commiſſion according to the tenor and purport thereof: And that all their proceedings, doings, iudgements & executions by force and authoritie therof, ſhalbe and remaine good and auaileable in the law: which ſaid money ſo leuied by the ſaid Cõmiſſioners, ſhalbe deliuered & imployed for the erecting or maintenance of the ſame.

Prouided alwayes neuertheleſſe, that euery Seafaring man ſuffering ſhipwracke, not hauing where with to relieue himſelfe in his trauailes homewards, but hauing a teſtimonial vnder the hand of ſome one Iuſtice of the Peace of or neere the place where hee landed, ſetting downe therein the place and time where and when he landed, and the place of the parties dwelling or birth, vnto which he is to paſſe, and a conuenient time therein to be limited for his paſſage, ſhall and may without incurring the danger and penaltie of this Acte in the vſuall wayes directly to the place vnto which hee is directed to paſſe, and within the time in ſuch his teſtimonial limited for his paſſage, aske and receiue ſuch reliefe as ſhall be neceſſary in and for his paſſage.

Prouided alſo, that this Statute nor anything therein conteined ſhall extend to any children vnder the age of ſeuen yeeres, nor to any ſuch Glaſſemen as ſhall be of good behauiour, and doe trauaile in or through any Countrey without begging, hauing licence for their trauelling vnder the handes and ſeales of three Iuſtices of the Peace of the ſame Countie where they trauell, whereof one to be of the Quorum.

And be it alſo further enacted by the authoritie aforeſayd, that this preſent Acte ſhall be proclaimed in the next quarter Seſſion or Seſſions in euery County, and in ſuch other market Townes or places, as by the more part of the Iuſtices of the Peace in the ſaid Seſſions ſhalbe agreed and appointed. This Act to endure to the end of the firſt Seſſion of the next Parliament.

An Acte for erecting of Hospitals, or abiding and working houses for the poore.

The v. Chapter.

Whereas at the last Session of Parliament, Prouision was made aswell for maimed Souldiers, by Collection in euery Parish, as for other poore, that it should be lawfull for euery person, during twenty yeeres next after the sayde Parliament, by Feoffement, will in writing, or other assurance to giue and bequeath in fee simple as well to the vse of the poore, as for the Prouision, sustentation, or maintenance of any house of correction or abiding houses, or of any stockes or stores, all or any part of his landes, tenements, or hereditaments: Her most excellent Maiestie, vnderstanding and finding that the sayde good Lawe hath not taken such effect as was intended, by reason that no person can erect or incorporate any Hospitall, houses of correction or abiding places but her Maiesty, or by her Highnes speciall licence by Letters Patents vnder the great Seale of England in that behalfe to be obteyned: Her Maiestie graciously affecting the good successe of so good and charitable workes, and that without often suit vnto her Maiesty, and with as great ease and litle charge as may be, is of her Princely care and blessed disposition to and for the reliefe and comfort of maymed Souldiers, Mariners, and other poore and impotent people, pleased and contented that it be enacted by authority of this present Parliament: And be it enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that all and euery person and persons, seised of an estate in fee simple, their heires, executours or assignes, at his or their willes and pleasures, shall haue full power, strength, licence, and lawfull authoritie at any time during the space of twentie yeeres next ensuing, by deede inrolled in the high Court of Chancerie, to erect, found, and establish one or more Hospitals, Meaions de dieu, abiding places, or houses of correction, at his or their will and pleasure,

pleasure, aswell for the finding, sustentation and relieue of the maymed, poore, needie or impotent people, as to set the poore to worke, to haue continuance for euer, and from time to time to place therein such head and members, and such number of poore as to him, his heires and assignes shall seeme conuenient: And that the same Hospitals or houses so founded, shall be incorporated, and haue perpetuall Successions for euer, in fact, deede and name, and of such head, members, and numbers of poore, needy, maymed or impotent people, as shall be apointed, assigned, limited or named by the Founder or Founders, his or their heires, executors or assignes, by any such deede inrolled: And that such Hospital, Meason de dieu, abiding place, or house of correction, and the persons therein placed, shalbe incorporated, named and called by such name as the sayde Founder or Founders, his heires, executors or assignes shall so limite, assigne and appoynt: And the same Hospitall, Meason de dieu, abiding place, or house of Correction so incorporated and named, shal be a body corporate and politike, and shall by that name of Incorporation, haue full power, authority, and lawful capacitie and abilitie to purchase, take, hold, receiue, enioy and haue to them and to their successours for euer, aswell goods and chattels, as manours, landes, tenements, and hereditaments, being freehold of any person or persons whatsoeuer: so that the same exceed not the yeerely value of two hundred pounds aboue all charges and reprises, to anie one such abiding house, Hospitall, Meason de dieu, or house of Correction: And so as the same or any part thereof bee not holden of our Soueraigne Ladie the Queene, her heires or Successors, immediatly in chiefe, or els of our saide Soueraigne Ladie the Queene, or any other person by Knight seruice, without licence or writ of Ad quod damnum, or the Statute of Mortmain, or any other statute or law to the contrary notwithstanding. And that the same Hospitall, Meason de dieu, abiding place, or house of Correction, and the persons so being incorporated, founded and named, shall haue full power and lawfull authority by the true name of the incorporation thereof, to sue and to bee sued, impleade and to be impleaded, to answere and to be answered vnto, in all maner of Courts and places that now are, or hereafter shal be within this Realme, aswell temporall as spirituall, in all maner of suites whatsoeuer, and of what nature and kinde soeuer such suites or actions be or shalbe: And that the same Hospitall, Meason de dieu, abiding house, or house of Correction, shall haue and enioy for euer such a Common Seale or Seales, as by the said Founder or Founders, his or their heirs, executors or assignes shalbe in writing vnder his or their hand and Seale assigned, named or appointed: whereby the same Corporation shall or may seale anie

maner of Inſtrument touching the ſame incorporation, and the lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods or other things thereto belonging, or in any wiſe touching or concerning the ſame. And further ſhalbe ordered, directed & viſited, placed or vpon iuſt cauſe diſplaced by ſuch perſon or perſons, bodies politike or corporate, their heires, ſucceſſors or aſſignes, as ſhall be nominated or aſſigned by ỹ founder or founders thereof, their heires or aſſignes, according to ſuch rules, ſtatutes & ordinances, as ſhall bee ſet forth, made, deuiſed or eſtabliſhed by the ſaid founder or founders, their heires or aſſignes in writing vnder his or their hand & ſeale, not being repugnant or contrary to the lawes and Statutes of this Realme, any law, ſtatute, cuſtome, vſage or other thing whatſoeuer to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding. And that it ſhal be lawful vnto the founder or founders, his & their heires or aſſignes, vpon the death or remouing of any head or member of any ſuch corporation, to place one other in the roome of him that dieth, or is remoued, ſucceſſiuely for euer.

Prouided alwayes, that all leaſes, graunts, conueyance or eſtates, to be made by any corporation ſo to be founded, as aforeſayd, exceeding the number of xxi. yeeres, and that in poſſeſſion, & whereupon the accuſtomable yeerely rent or more, by the greater part of xx. yeeres next before the making of ſuch leaſe, ſhal not be reſerued and yerely payable, ſhall be void. Sauing to all perſons, bodies politike and corporate, their heires and ſucceſſors (other then the founders and giuers, their heires and ſucceſſors) al ſuch right, title, claime, poſſeſſion, rents, ſeruices, commons, demaunds, intereſt & profites, which they or any of them ſhal haue, or of right ought to haue, of, in or to any the lands, tenements or hereditaments hereafter to be giuen, limited or aſſigned in forme aforeſayd, in as ample maner, as if this Statute had neuer bene had or made.

Prouided alſo that this Acte, or any thing therein contained, ſhall not extend to enable any perſon or perſons being within age, women couert without their huſbands, or of not ſanę memoriæ, to make any ſuch corporation, or to endow the ſame: Any thing in this preſent Act to the contrary thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

Prouided alwayes that no ſuch hoſpitall, Meaſon de dieu, abiding place or houſe of correction ſhalbe erected, founded, or incorporated by force of this Acte, vnleſſe vpon the foundation or erection thereof, the ſame be endowed for euer wᵗ lands, tenements, or hereditaments, of the cleare yeerely value of x.li. by the yeere.

Prouided alſo and bee it further enacted, that no ſuch incorporation to bee founded by force of this Acte, ſhall at any time hereafter doe, or ſuffer to bee done, any Act or thing whereby

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or by meanes whereof any of the landes, tenements, hereditaments, stocke, goods or chattels of such Incorporation, or any estate, interest, possession, or propertie of or in the same or any of them shall be vested or transferred in or to any other whatsoever, contrary to the true meaning of this Acte: And that such construction shall be made upon this Acte as shall be most beneficiall and availeable for the maintenance of the poore, and for repelling and stopping of all Actes and devises to be invented, or put in ure contrary to the true meaning of this Acte.

An Acte to reforme deceipts and breaches of trust touching Lands giuen to charitable vses.

The vj. Chapter.

WHereas diuers Colledges, Hospitalles, Almes houses, and other places within this Realm of England, haue beene founded and ordeined, some of them by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, and by other her noble Progenitours, and some by other godly and well disposed persons, for the charitable releife of poore, aged and impotent people, maimed souldiers, Schooles of learning, Orphans, and for such other good, charitable and lawfull purposes and intents: And where diuers lands, tenements, and hereditaments, Leases, goods and chattels, haue bene giuen, limited and appointed for the like charitable, good and lawfull vses, intents and purposes: as also for reparation of high wayes, amendement of Bridges, and Sea bankes, for the maintenance of free schooles and poore schollers, as also for the releife and preferment of Orphans and fatherlesse children, and such like good, lawfull and charitable vses: which lands, tenements and hereditaments, goods, Leases and chattels, haue bene and are still like to be most vnlawfully and vncharitably conuerted to the ire and gaine of some few greedie and couetous persons, contrarie

rie to the true intent and meaning of the giuers and disposers thereof: to the ende such godly and charitable purposes and vses may be from henceforth obserued and continued, according to the true intent and meaning of the giuers and ffounders thereof, and according to the true intent and meaning of any the foresaide good, godly and charitable vses and intents: Bee it enacted by the Queene our Soueraigne Lady, the lords Spirituall and Temporall, and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that it shall and may be lawfull to and for the Lord Chancellor, or Keeper of the great Seale of England for the time being, & for the Chancellor of the Dutchie of Lancaster for the time being, for landes within the County palantine of Lancaster from time to time to award Cõmissions vnder the great seale of England, or the seale of the County Palantine as the case shall require, into all or any part or partes of this Realme, respectiuely according to their seuerall iurisdictions as aforesaide, to the Bishop of euery seuerall Dioces and his Chancellor, and to other persons of good & sound behauiour, authorizing them thereby to enquire as well by the othes of twelue lawfull men of the Countie, as by all other good and lawfull wayes and meanes of all & singular such gifts, limitations and purposes, and of the abuses & mildemeanors, misemploiments, falsities defrauding of the trusts, intents & purposes, alienations or misgouernments, which haue bene had, or at any time hereafter shalbe had or made, and of al and euery other matter, thing and cause, wherby or by meanes wherof the good and godly vses aforesaid, cannot or may not be mainteined, executed and performed, according to the true intent and meaning of the donours or ffounders, and according to the true intent and meaning of any the aforesaid good, godly & charitable vses & intents: And after such inquiry made, vpon hearing and examining therof, to set downe such orders, iudgement and decrees, as the sayde good, godly and charitable vses may be truly obserued in ful, ample and most liberall sort, according to the true intent and meaning of the ffounders, or Donours therof. Which orders, iudgements and decrees, not being contrarie or repugnant to the orders, statutes, or decrees of the Donours or ffounders, shall by the authoritie of this present Parliament, stand firme and good according to the tenour and purport thereof.

Prouided alwayes that neither this Act, nor any thing therin conteined, shal in any wise extẽd to any Colleges, Hals, or houses of learning within ỹ vniuersities of Oxford or Cambridge, or to ỹ colleges of westminster, Eaton, or Winchester, or any of thẽ, nor to the lands, reuenues or possessions therunto belõging: neither to any cathedral Church within this realm of England, nor

to the lands, or possessions thereunto appertaining or belonging.

Prouided also that neither this Act, nor any thing therin, shal extend to any citie or Towne corporate, or to any the lands or tenements, giuen to the vses aforesaide within any such Citie or towne corporate, where there is a speciall Gouernour or Gouernours, appointed to gouerne or direct such lands, tenements or thinges disposed to any the vses aforesaid: neither to any College, Hospitall or free Schoole, which haue special visitors or Gouernors, or ouerseers appointed them by their Founders.

Prouided also, & be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that neither this acte, nor any thing therein conteined, shall bee any way prejudicial or hurtful to the iurisdiction or power of the Ordinary: but that he may lawfully in euery cause execute and performe the same, as though this Act had neuer bene had or made.

Prouided also, that no person or persons that hath, or shall haue any of the lands, tenements, or hereditaments, goods or chattels, giuen, limitted or appointed to or for any the vses, purposes or intents aforesaid, shall intermeddle as a Commissioner in any the causes aforesaid.

Prouided alwayes, and it is further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that all such Orders, Judgements and decrees, as shal be so set downe by the said Commissioners as is aforesaid, shall be certified vnder the seales of the said Commissioners, either into the Court of the Chancery of England, or into the Court of the Chancery within the County Palatine of Lancaster, as the case shall require respectiuely, according to their seuerall iurisdictions within such conuenient time as shall be limited in the said Commissions: And that the said Lord Chancellor or Lord Keeper, and the said Chancellor of the Duchie, shall and may within their said seuerall iurisdictions, take such order for the due execution of all or any of the said iudgements, decrees and orders, as to either of them shall seeme fit and conuenient. And that if after any such Certificate or Certificates made, any person or persons shal finde themselues grieued with any of the said Orders, Judgements or Decrees, that then it shall and may bee lawfull to and for them, or any of them to complaine in that behalfe vnto the said Lorde Chancellor or Lord Keeper, or to the Chancellor of the sayd Duchy of Lancaster, according to their seuerall iurisdictions for redresse therein: And that vpon such complaint the said L. Chancellor or Lorde Keeper, or the saide Chancellour of the Duchie may according to their said seuerall iurisdictions proceede to the examination, hearing, and determining: hereof as to either of them in their said seuerall iurisdictions shalbe thought to stand with equity and good conscience: Any thing in this Acte conteyned to the contrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding.

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An act for the more speedie paiment of the Queenes Maiesties debts, and *for the better explanation of the Acte made in the* xiij. yere of the Queenes Maiestie, intituled, An Acte to make the Landes, Tenements, goods and chattels of Tellors, Receiuors, &c. liable to the payment of their debts.

The vij. Chapter.

FOr the better and more speedy paiment and satisfaction of her Maiesties debts & dueties from officers and accomptants, Be it enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that one act made in the seuen and twentieth yere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne that now is, intituled, An act for the explanation of the statute made An. 13. of the Queens Maiesties reigne, Intituled, An Acte to make the Lands, Tenements, goods and chattels of Tellers, Receiuers, &c. liable to the paiment of their debts, shall from henceforth be repealed and of no effect. And that one other act made in the fourteenth yeere of her Maiesties reigne, intituled, An Act against the deceite of vndercollectors of the Tenthes and Subsidies of the Cleargie, shall be likewise from henceforth repealed and made voyde. And that the saide acte made in the thirteenth yeere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne, in euery part thereof touching the power giuen by the Act vnto her Highnesse, her heires and successors, to make sale of any the lands, tenements or hereditaments, by the same Acte limited to be solde, is, shall and ought to be expounded and intended as well in case where the sale is to be made after the death of such Accountant or Debtour, as where it is to be made in his or their life time: And also as well in case where the account is made and the debt knowen, within eight yeeres after the death of such Accountant or Debtour, as where the same account

compt is made, or debt knowen in the life time of the sayde Accomptant or Debtor. And that no person shall bee expounded a Debtor within the meaning and intent of this Act, but such only as haue bene, are, or shalbe farmor or farmors of any Customs, Subsidies, or Impostes, Prisage, Butlerage, or other dueties within any Port of the Realme, and such Officers and Accomptants hereafter in this Acte mentioned and expressed, as vpon their accompts finished and determined (all his and their due and reasonable petitions being allowed) shall remaine Debtor, vpon the foote of his and their accompts: Any ambignitie or question that hath risen or growen, or may arise, growe, or may be conceiued vpon the letter of the same Acte of the thirteenth yeere, or of this present Acte, to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the authority of this present Parliament, that after one yeere next after the accompt hereafter to be made, or the debt or duety hereafter to be knowen of any Treasurer, Receiuer, Teller, Customer, Farmors of impostes, or other person or debtor, named or mentioned in the sayd Act, made in the xiii. yeere of her Maiesties reigne, and hereafter mentioned and expressed (all his and their due and reasonable petitions vpon the same accompt finished, or debt knowen being allowed) And for accompts heretofore made, or debts knowen of any such accomptant or debtor abouesayd, after one yeere next following after the end of this present Session of Parliament, it shall and may be lawfull to and for our soueraigne Lady the Queene, her heires and successors, for and towards the satisfaction of the said debt or duety, or of so much thereof as shall then be vnpaid, by letters patents vnder the great Seale of England, to sell, conuey and assure such & so much of the Manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments, with any such officer, farmor, debtor, or person accomptable, at any time since the second day of April, in the sayd xiii. yere of her Maiesties reigne, had, or hereafter shal haue, from or during such time as such person or persons were, are, or shalbe such officer or officers, farmor, debtor, or person accomptable as aforesaid, vnto her Maiestie, or which otherwise are to be sold for the same, by the true intent and meaning of the said Act, made in the xiii. yere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne, as shall suffice our soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiesty, her heires & successors, for the satisfaction of his or their debt or duety. And if any ouerplus of money shalbe had vpon any such sale, that then the same shalbe deliuered & paid presently vpon request, without other petition to be made for the same, to the party or parties, whose land shall be sold, his or their heires, out of the receit of her Maiesties Exchequer, by warrant of the Lord Treasourer, or vndertreasourer

ſoꝛer of the Exchequer foꝛ ꝯ time being, without other warrant from her Maieſtie, her heires and ſucceſſours, and without any fees oꝛ charges to be paid foꝛ the ſame, And that euery ſale, conueyance and aſſurance ſo to be made by her Maieſtie, her heires and ſucceſſoꝛs, ſhall be as good and effectuall in the law, as if the ſame were oꝛ had bene made by any ſuch officer, fermor, debtoꝛ oꝛ perſon accomptant foꝛ money oꝛ other valuable conſideration, by bargaine & ſale, deede inrolled, feoffement, recouerie, with ſingle oꝛ double voucher, oꝛ by all oꝛ any of them: And ſhall alſo binde and barre onely euery ſuch officer, fermoꝛ, debter and perſon accompta le, and his and their heires, and all other claiming by, from, oꝛ vnder them oꝛ any of them, after ſuch time as he oꝛ they became, oꝛ ſhall become officer, fermoꝛ, debtoꝛ oꝛ perſon accomptable, as is aforeſaid, and all and euery other perſon and perſons, their heires and ſucceſſoꝛs, which any ſuch officer, fermoꝛ, debtoꝛ oꝛ perſon accomptable, might haue barred, oꝛ may barre by any ſuch recouerie, and all ſuch whoſe lands are to be ſold by the true intent and meaning of the ſaid Acte of the thirteenth yeere, and all perſons claiming from, by oꝛ vnder them, & ſhall alſo be good and auaileable againſt the Queenes Maieſtie, her Heires and Succeſſoꝛs, and all other perſons claiming from, by oꝛ vnder her Maieſtie, her heires oꝛ ſucceſſoꝛs, foꝛ oꝛ by reaſon of any foꝛmer charge, oꝛ other incumbꝛance to her Maieſty, her heires and ſucceſſoꝛs, by the perſon oꝛ perſons, foꝛ whoſe debt oꝛ duety the ſame ſhall happen to be ſold.

Pꝛouided alwayes and be it enacted, that ſuch ſale, conueyance oꝛ aſſurance, which ſhall at any time hereafter bee had oꝛ made by vertue of this Act, oꝛ of the ſaid Act of the thirteenth yeere of her Maieſties reigne, ſhall not impeach oꝛ auoyde any demiſe, leaſe, oꝛ graunt heretofoꝛe made, oꝛ hereafter to bee made by the Queenes Maieſtie, her Heires oꝛ Succeſſoꝛs of any ſuch lands, tenements oꝛ hereditaments, which ſhall be ſold, conueyed oꝛ aſſured, as is aforeſaid, oꝛ of any part thereof, any otherwiſe, oꝛ in any other ſoꝛte, maner oꝛ foꝛme, then the ſame ſhould haue beene auoyded oꝛ impeached by the oꝛdinarie courſe of the common Lawe, if her Maieſtie, her heires oꝛ ſucceſſours had bene, oꝛ ſhalbe fully ſatiſfied of ſuch debt oꝛ duetie, foꝛ which any ſuch lands, tenements oꝛ hereditaments ſhall be ſold, conueyed, oꝛ aſſured by vertue of this Act, oꝛ of the ſaid Act of the xiii. yeere of her Highneſſe reigne, any thing herein conteined to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding.

And be it further enacted by the authoꝛitie aforeſayde, that aſwell this Act and euery clauſe therein contained, as the ſaid Act made in the thirteenth yeere of her Highneſſe reigne, and euery clauſe therein conteined, ſhall extend to all maner of vnder Collectoꝛs

lectors of Tenths and Subsidies of the Clergie, which haue beene, now be, or hereafter shall be, for satisfying of such money as any such vndercollector hath collected, or shall collect of the sayd Tenthes and Subsidies, in as ample wise, as if euery such vndercollector, were immediatly accomptant to the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and successors. And that euery such vndercollector, shall vpon proces to bee awarded out of the Court of Exchequer of our sayd Soueraigne Lady, her heires and successors, be chargeable to accompt for his receipt of such Tenths and Subsidies, as any Receiuer immediatly accomptant to her Maiestie is or ought to be. And that euery Archbishop, and Bishop & their heires, executors and assignes, and Deane and Chapter sede vacante, to whose charge the collection of such Tenthes or Subsidies doth or shall appertaine, shall be discharged of so much of the sayde Tenthes and Subsidies, as shall bee satisfied to the Queenes Maiestie, her heires or successors, of or by the landes, tenements, hereditaments, goods or chattels, of such vndercollector or his heires, without any other warrant whatsoeuer, or charge in that behalfe to be obteined or sustained.

Prouided alwayes and be it enacted, that this Act or any thing therein conteined, or the sayd Acte of the thirteenth yere, or any thing therein conteined, shall not impeach or anoyde any Sale, Leale, Demise, Grant, Charge, Extent, Executiõ, or other assurance made before the beginning of this Parliament bona fide by any such person so accomptable or indebted as is aforesayd, or by his heires, or by any person or persõs claiming bona fide, from, by, or vnder thẽ or any of thẽ, nor shal extend to anoid any Lease or Demise, not exceeding the terme of one and twentie yeres or three liues, whereupon so much yeerely rent hath or shall be reserued and yerely payable during euery such Lease and Demise, as at any time within twentie yeeres next before the making of such Demise or Lease, hath or shall be yelded or payed for the same, nor to anoyd any Lease for yeres determinable vpon three liues or vnder made or to be made, whereupon such yeerely rent is or shall be reserued as is aforesaid. Nor to anoyd any Customarie estate, made or to bee made, according to the custome of the manor, whereof such Customarie landes so let or dimised are parcell.

Prouided alwayes and be it enacted, that this Act shal extend onely to such as sithence the beginning of the Queenes Maiesties reigne haue bene, now are or shall be Treasourer, Cello or Receiuor, or vsing, exercising, or hauing the office of Treasourer, Cello or Receiuor, in or belonging to any of þ Queenes Maiesties Courts of Exchequer, wards and Liueries, or Dutchie of Lancaster, Treasurer of the Chamber, Controller of the houshold,

Treasorer for the warres, Treasorer of any Fort, Towne or Castle where any garison is, or shal be kept, Treasorer of the Admiralty or Navie, Treasorer, vndertreasorer, or other person accomptable to the Queenes Maiestie, her heires or successors, for any office or charge of, or within the mint, and others exercising or having any office or offices, of Treasourer or Receiuer of any summe of money for prouision of victuales, or for fortifications, buildings, or works, or for any other prouisions to be vsed in any the offices of the Queenes Maesties Ordinance and Artillerie, Armorie, Wardrobe, Tentes and Pauilions, or Reuels, Customer, Collector, Fermor of Impostes, Customes, subsidies, Butlerage, Prisage, or other dueties within any Port of the Realme, Collector or vndercollector of Tenths & Subsidies of the Clergie, Collector of any Subsidie or fifteene, Receiuer generall or particular of the Reuenues of any Countie or Counties answerable in the receipt of the Exchequer, or in the Courtes of Wards and Liueries, or Dutchie of Lancaster, Clerke of the Hamper, and other person or persons vsually or ordinarily and voluntarily exercising, vsing or having any office of Receipts, or vsually or ordinarily and voluntarily, taking vpon him as an officer of any Receipts, and to none other.

Prouided alwayes and be it enacted, that the sayd Acte of the thirteenth, or this Acte or any thing therein contained, shal not extend to the sale of the lands, tenements or hereditaments of any officer, accomptant or debtor, or of his or their heire or heires, or of any other person claiming from, by or vnder them or any of them, for or by reason of any accompt, debt, or farme, wherof any such debtor or accomptant, his or their heires, executors or administratours, haue or shall haue a quietus est, or other vsuall discharge, vpon the declaration of his and their accompt, according to the vsuall order of the sayd Court of Exchequer.

Prouided also and be it enacted, that this Acte or any thing therein contained, shal not extend to giue any power or authoritie to make any sale, conueyance or assurance of any manours, lands, tenements or hereditaments of any Archbishop, Bishop, Deane & Chapter, or of any other Ecclesiasticall person, whereof he or they, or any of them, bee or hereafter shall bee seised in the right of his or their Bishoprieke, Church, or other corporation Ecclesiastical whatsoeuer.

Prouided alwaies & be it enacted, ỹ the said Act of ỹ xiii. or this act, shal not extẽd to ỹ sale cõueance, or assurance of any manors, lands, tenements or hereditaments for any debt being installed.

Prouided alwayes and be it enacted, that this Act shal not extend to charge any Shiriffe, Escheator, or Baliffe of Liberties, nor any of their heires or assignes, nor to the sale of the landes,

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Tenements or Hereditaments of any Sherife, Eſchetor or Bailife of liberties, nor of any their heires or aſſignes for any thing touching his or their office of Sherifwicke, Eſchetorſhip, or Bailiwicke, nor for any money or other thing, by them or any of them by reaſon of any of their ſayde offices, otherwiſe, or in any other maner then they or any of them might lawfully haue bene charged before the making of this Acte, or of the ſayde Act of the thirteenth yeere of her Maieſties reigne, any thing herein conteined to the contrary notwithſtanding.

And be it further enacted, that if the Queenes Maieſtie, her heires or Succeſſors, ſhall by any ſale, conueiance or aſſurance of any manours, lands, tenements or hereditaments by force of the ſaid Act of the thirteenth or of this Act, or by other matter, appearing of Record, bee fully ſatiſfied of the debt or arrerages of any ſuch Officer, accomptant or debtor, or of any part thereof: Then the ſureties of ſuch officer, accomptant or debtor, and other perſon or perſons bound, or to be bound for ſuch accomptant or debtor in that behalfe, ſhall be diſcharged of ſo much of the ſaid debt, forfeiture and arrerages, as ſo ſhall be ſatiſfied, and for the reſidue onely, ſhall be ratably according to their abilities charged, Any thing in this Acte, or in any other Statute to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Prouided alwayes and be it enacted, that the ſayd Act of the thirteenth yeere, or this act or any thing therein conteined, ſhall not extend to giue any power or authoritie to make ſale, conueyance or aſſurance of any manours, lands, tenements, or hereditaments of the Maſter and Lieutenant of the Ordinance, Maſter of the horſe, Maſter of the Armorie, the generall receiuer of the Duchie of Lancaſter, and of the Wards and Liueries, Treaſurer of the Chamber, Maſter of the Jewel houſe, Coferer of the Houſhold of our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, her heirrs and Succeſſours, Treaſurers of warres or Garriſons, Treaſurer of the Nauie, Treaſurers or Receiuers of any ſummes of money for victuall, or fortifications, or for buildings, or Maſter of the wardrobe, for any debt to bee adiudged or knowen as is aforeſayd concerning their, or any of their offices mentioned in this branch, vnleſſe the Queenes Maieſtie, her heires and ſucceſſors, vpon, or after their debt knowen or account determined (all his or their due petitions to them vpon the ſame accounts being allowed) require or command, by, or vnder the great Seale or priuie Seale, preſent paiment thereof, or otherwiſe eſtſoones require a newe account of the ſame debt, ſo ſet or remaining in any the accounts mentioned in this branch. And that then the ſame debt or any part thereof ſhall be found to be owing or vnerpended in the matters or charges pertaining to any of their ſayde offices or

charges mentioned in this branch, and the same debt remaine vnpayd by the space of one whole yeere after such request or commandement.

Prouided also, and be it enacted, that this Acte or any thing therein contained, shall not extend to the sale, assurance, or conueyance of any manors, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments as is aforesaid, vnlesse the debt of such officer, accomptant or debtor, doe exceed the summe of three hundred pounds, Any thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided also, and be it likewise enacted, that this Act or any thing therin conteined, shal not extend to make any sale, conueiance or assurance of any manours, lands, tenements or hereditaments descended, or which hereafter shall descend to any heire or heires within the age of one and twenty yeeres, so long as such heire or heires shall be within the age of one and twenty yeeres. And yet neuertheless, after such time as any such heire or heires shall accomplish his or their full age of one and twenty yeres, and after two yeeres expired after such full age, It shall and may be lawfull to and for our sayde Souereigne Lady, her heires and successours, to make sale, assurance and conueyance of such manours, lands, tenements and hereditaments so to him and them descended, in such sort, order, maner and fourme to all intents, constructions and purposes, as if such heire or heires had beene of full age at the time of the account finished and determined, or debt knowen of any such officer, debter or accountant.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authority aforesayd, that before such time, as any the manors, lands, tenements or hereditaments, which any such officer, accomptant or debter, shall bona fide, and for valuable consideration, sell, conuey, or assure to any person or persons, shall be by the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and successours solde, conueyed or assured, as is aforesayd, a Scire facias shall be awarded, out of her Maiesties Court of Exchequer vnto the Shiriffe of the County, where any such manors, lands, tenements or hereditaments so to be solde for the sayd debt doe lie, generally to garnish, summon, or warne any of the Tertenants vpon any part of the sayd manours, lands, tenements or hereditaments, to shew cause why the sayd Manours, lands, tenements or hereditaments, should not be put to sale for satisfaction of the debt of her Maiestie, her heires or successours: whereupon if the Tertenant vpon such garnishment or warning returned, shall make default, or shall appeare, and doe not within two yeeres next after such returne, sufficiently proue in the said court of Exchequer, that the officers, accountants or debtors (if he or they be then liuing) haue sufficient landes, tenements or hereditaments, to answere vpon sale thereof to bee

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made, by the Queenes Maieſtie, her heires or Succeſſours, by force of this Act the ſaid debt or farme, or ſufficient goods or chatels, liable and ſubiect to the payment of ſuch debt or farmes, or if he or they be dead, that the executors or adminiſtrators of ſuch officers, accomptants or debtors haue ſufficient goods, or chatels liable and ſubiect as aforeſayde, or the heire of ſuch Officer accomptant or debtor, haue ſufficient Landes, Tenements and hereditaments liable to anſwere vpon ſale thereof to bee made, by the Queenes Maieſtie, her Heires and Succeſſours by force of this Acte, the ſame debt or farme, and whereby the ſayd debt and farme, ſhall or may be fully and duely ſatiſfied: That then after two yeeres and ten moneths next after ſuch returne, ſuch and ſo much of the Manours, Landes, Tenements and Hereditaments which any ſuch Officer, Debtor or perſon accomptable, had, or at any time hereafter ſhall haue, after hee became, or ſhall become any ſuch Officer, Debtor or perſon accomptable, or which otherwiſe are to bee ſolde, by the true intent and meaning of the ſaid Act made in the thirteenth yeere of the Queenes Maieſties reigne, as ſhall ſuffice for the ſatiſfaction of our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maieſtie, her Heires or Succeſſours, of his, or their debt or duetie, ſhall bee ſolde by her Maieſtie, her Heires or Succeſſours, and the money thereof comming to diſpoſe according to the true intent and meaning of this Acte.

Prouided alſo, and bee it further enacted by the authoritie aforeſayde, that in ſuch caſes where any accompt hath bene, or ſhall be made, or any debts haue bene, or ſhall be knowen in the Courtes of Wardes and Liueries, and Duchie of Lancaſter, or in eyther of them, Then before ſuch time as any the Manours, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which any ſuch Officer, Accomptant or Debtor, ſhall bona fide, for valuable conſideration, ſell, conuey, or aſſure to any perſon or perſons, ſhall be by the Queenes Maieſtie, her Heires and Succeſſours, ſold, conueyed and aſſured, as is aforeſayd, Such proceſſe ſhall be awarded, as is hereafter expreſſed: To wit, a ſummons or garniſhment with proclamation, ſhalbe awarded to the ſherife of the Countie where any ſuch manors, lands, tenements or hereditaments, ſoto be ſold for the ſayd debt doe lie, generally to garniſh, ſummon or warne, any of the Tertenants thereof, by open publication or proclamation to be made, either vpon ſome part of the ſayd manors, landes, tenements and hereditaments, or in ſome market Towne next adioyning in the ſame Countie xx. dayes at the leaſt, before the returne thereof, to the intent that they may ſhewe why the ſame Manors, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, ſhould not be put to ſale, for ſatiſfaction of the debt of her Maieſtie, her heires,

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or ſucceſſors, whereupon if the Tertenants vpon ſuch garniſhment or warning returned, ſhall make default, or ſhall appeare, and doe not within two yeres next after ſuch returne, make ſuch ſufficient proofe as aforeſayd, as by the order and decree of either of the ſame Courts ſhalbe allowed in that behalfe, That then all things ſhalbe done & executed for the ſale of the ſame Manours, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, and for the full ſatiſfaction of the ſame debt or ferme, in like, and in as large and ample maner and forme, to all intents and purpoſes, as before in this Act is limited and appointed in cales where default is made, or apparance, and no cauſe and proofe as aforeſayde made, vpon a Scire facias awarded out of the ſaid Court of Exchequer.

Prouided alwayes that if the Tertenant or Tertenants ſhall proue in the ſayde Courts of Exchequer, Wards and Liueries, and Mutchie as is aforeſayd, within two yeeres next after ſuch returne and returnes as aforeſayd, that the ſayd Officer, debtor, or accomptant hath Manours, Landes, Tenements, or Hereditaments liable and ſubiect to the ſale of our ſoueraigne Lady the Queenes Maieſtie, her heires or ſucceſſors, by force of this Acte, but not ſufficient vpon ſale thereof by vertue of this Acte, to anſwere and ſatiſfie the debt and duetie of the ſayd officer, debtor, or perſon accomptable: Or that the executors or adminiſtrators of the ſayd officer, accomptant or debtor (if he be then dead) haue goods or chattels liable and ſubiect to the payment of the debt or farme of the officer, debtor or accomptant, but not ſufficient vpon the ſale thereof for the full ſatiſfaction of the ſayde debt or farme: Or that the heire of ſuch officer, accõptant or debtor haue lands, tenements or hereditaments by diſcent, liable and ſubiect to the ſale of the Queenes Maieſtie, her heires & ſucceſſors, for, and towards the payment or ſatiſfaction of the debt or farme of ſuch officer, accountant or debtor by force of this Act, but not ſufficient vpon ſale thereof by vertue of this Act for the full and due ſatiſfaction of the ſaid debt or ferme, That then the Queenes Maieſtie, her heires and ſucceſſours, ſhall firſt make ſale as aforeſayd, of all the Manours, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments of the ſayd officer, debtor, or perſon accomptable, and ſeiſe and take into her and their hands, all the ſayd goods and chattels. And if the ſame be not ſufficient vpon ſale thereof by force of this Acte, to anſwere and ſatiſfie the ſaid debts or ferme, then to make ſale of the Manours, Lands, Tenements and hereditaments ſo deſcended to the ſayd heire, for, and towardes the ſatiſfaction of the reſidue of the ſaid debt. And if neither the ſayd Landes, Goods and chattels of the ſayd Accountant, Officer or debtor, or of his Executors or Adminiſtrators, nor the ſayd Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments ſo deſcended to the ſayd Heire, bee ſufficient

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so answeere and satisfie the full and due debte, Then such and so much of the Manours, Landes, Tenements and Hereditamentes which any such Officer, Debtor or person accomptant had or at any time hereafter shall haue, after hee became or shall become any such Officer, Debtor or person accomptant, shall be solde by the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and successours as aforesayde, as shall suffice to make a full satisfaction of the residue of his or their whole and entire debt and duetie: And the ouerplus (if any be) to be disposed as aforesayd, according to the true intent and meaning of this present Acte.

Prouided alwayes that euery such tertenant claymyng by purchase from any such Officer, accomptant or Debtor, or his heires, or from, by, or vnder any purchaser, from such Officer, accomptant or Debter, whose lands shall happen to be sold by vertue of this Acte, shall haue ratably contribution for his and their charges, damages and losses, of and against euery other person or persons that shall purchase, or shal claime from, by, or vnder any purchaser of any landes, tenementes, or hereditaments of such Officer, Accomptant or Debtor lyable to any sale to be made by vertue of this Acte. And if any such person or persons shall refuse to make and yeelde a reasonable contribution to the partie and parties whose landes are solde as aforesayde, that then vpon complaint thereof made to the Barons of the Exchequer, they shall and may by vertue of this Acte, awarde Processe of seyzure and Extent in her Maiesties name, vpon the landes, tenements and hereditamentes of euery such person or persons as shall so refuse to yeelde a reasonable contribution, And the same landes so seyzed and extended shall and may by vertue of this Acte, without other warrant, allighe and commit to the said person or persons, their heires, executours, or administrators, that ought to haue contribution by the true meaning of this Act, vntill such time as hee or they shall bee satisfied of so much money for contribution of his and their damages, losses, charges and expences as shall bee rated, tared and allowed by the sayde Barons of the Exchequer, for the time being.

Prouided alwayes, and bee it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that euery such Scire facias, so to bee awarded, and the returne thereof, shall bee entred of Recorde in the Courte of Exchequer, And euery such Processe of Summons, and Garnishment with Proclamation and the returne thereof, so to bee awarded out of euery the sayde seuerall Courtes of Wardes and Liueries, and

and Dutchie of Lancaster, and the seuerall returnes therof, shal be entred into ỹ booke of decrees of the sayd courts, out of which such procesle shall be awarded. And that euery person and persons to whom the Queenes Maiesty, her heires or successors shal make sale of any manours, lands, tenements or hereditaments of any such officer, accomptant or debtor, shal or may haue exemplified the seuerall proces aforesaid, and the returne or returnes thereupon vnder the great Seale of England, & that aswel the said Inrolment and Entries aforesayd, of the sayd procesle, and the returnes thereupon, as the sayde exemplifications shall bee of as good force and validitie in the Lawe, to all intents and purposes as if the sayde procesle and returnes thereupon were extant, remaining and sufficient. And to the intent such manours, lands, tenements and hereditaments as are lyable to sale by the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and successours, by force of this Acte may be sold according to the value thereof, for the more speedie payment, of the debts and dueties due to her Highnesse, her heires and Successours, and for the benefite of the person or persons whose landes shall bee solde, It is enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that if any person or persons, other then the officer, debtor or accomptant aforesaide, whose landes, tenements or hereditaments are or shall be liable to bee solde by force of this Acte, doe or shall at any time within the said two yeres and tenne moneths after such returne as aforesayde procure any other able & sufficient person or persons to purchase or buy the same at such price and value as the same landes, tenements or hereditaments at that time shalbe reasonably woorth to be solde, Then vpon payment and satisfaction to bee made to the Queenes Maiesty, her heires and successours, of the value of the sayd landes, tenements or hereditaments so to be solde, our sayd Soueraigne Lady, her heires and successours by letters patents vnder the great Seale of England, will be pleased to sell such landes, tenements, and hereditaments to such person or persons before any other, as will purchase and buy the same by the meanes and procurement of him or them whose landes, tenements and hereditaments shall be sold as aforesaid.

And be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that all and euery person and persons, whose manours, lands, tenements, or hereditaments, shall be lyable and subiect to be solde by force of this Acte vpon Proces to be awarded out of the Court of Exchequer and other the Courtes aforesayd, shall bring and shew into the sayde Courts, all such euidences, concerning the sayde manours, landes, tenements and hereditaments lyable and subiect to be solde as aforesaid being in his or their custodie or possession, or in the custodie or possession of any other by his deliuerie, consent

consent or appoyntment, to the intent the state or title of and in the sayd Manours, Lands tenements and hereditaments may bee knowen, to the end the better and more auaileable sale thereof may bee made, according to the true intent and meaning of this Acte.

And it is also the true intent of this Acte, and of the sayd Statute of the thirteenth yeere of the Queenes reigne, That if any person or persons, whose Landes, Tenements and Hereditaments are, or shall be liable, and subiect to be solde by vertue of this Act, or the sayd Acte of the thirteenth, haue sufficient Manours, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, ouer and beside his chiefe Mansion house, and demesnes belonging thereunto, to satisfie the debts and dueties of her Maiestie, her heires and successors, and doe procure the same to bee bought or purchased for so much money, as will satisfie the sayde debtes and dueties, within the sayd seuerall time and times, before limited and appointed for the sayde Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, to be solde as aforesayd, and doe satisfie the said debts and dueties accordingly, That then his and their said chiefe Mansion house and demesnes thereunto belonging, shall not be sold by her Maiestie, her heires and successours, by force of this Acte, or of the saide Statute of the thirteenth yeere of the Queenes Maiesties Reigne.

Prouided alwayes that this Act shall endure onely to the end of the next Session of the next Parliament ensuing.

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An Acte concerning the Confirmation and eſtabliſhment of the Depriuation of diuers Biſhops and Deanes in the beginning of her Maieſties reigne.

The viij. Chapter.

Hereas diuers and ſundry perſons exerciſing the office & function of Biſhops and Deanes, of diuers Seas and Biſhoprickes and Deaneries, within this Realme in the reigne of our late Soueraigne Ladie Queene Marie, were before the tenth day of Nouember, in the fourth yeere of the moſt happy and bleſſed gouernment of the Queenes moſt excellēt Maieſtie that now is, lawfully and iuſtly depriued from ſuch Biſhoprickes, and Deaneries, as they ſeuerally enioyed and tooke vpon them to holde, and in their ſteades and places ſundry excellent and worthie men duely preferred to ſame: And whereas the parties ſo depryued, did notwithſtanding, as it is pretended, make ſecrete Appeales, and vſed other ſecrete meanes, pretending thereby to ſupport the continuance of their ſayd offices and functions:

Bee it therefore declared and enacted, by authoritie of this preſent Parliament, that all and euery depriuation, and depriuations, and all and euery ſentence and ſentences of depriuation whatſoeuer, had, pronounced, or giuen, at any time betweene the beginning of the reigne of the Queenes moſt excellent Maieſtie that now is, and the tenth day of Nouember in the fourth yeere of the ſame, againſt any perſon or perſons, which was, or tooke vpon him to bee Archbiſhop or Biſhop of any Sea or Biſhopricke, or Deane of any Deanerie within this Realme, or any the Dominions thereof in the reigne of the ſayde late Queene Marie, from ſuch Sea or Biſhopricke, be adiudged, deemed, and taken good and ſufficient in Law to all intents and purpoſes, and ſo ſhall remaine and continue: any appeale, exception, or other matter or thing whatſoeuer to the contrary thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

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And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that all such Archbishops, and Bishops, and Deanes, as were ordained or made by the authoritie or licence of the Queenes Maiestie that now is, at any time betweene the beginning of her Reigne, and the sayd tenth day of Nouember in the fourth yeere of her Maiesties Reigne, shall be taken and adiudged to be lawfull Archbishop, or Bishop of the See or Bishoprike, and Deane of the Deanrie vnto the which he was so preferred, assigned, or appointed: And that the same See of Archbishoprike, or Bishoprike, & Deanrie, vnto which he was so preferred, assigned, or appointed, shall be deemed & adiudged to be meerely voyd to all respects and purposes before such preferment, appointment, or assignement so made as aforesayd: Any ambiguitie or question in that behalfe heretofore made, or hereafter to be made to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

An Acte for the taking away of Clergie from offenders against a certaine Statute made in the third yeere of the reigne of King Henry the seuenth, concerning the taking away of women against their wils vnlawfully.

The ix. Chapter.

WHereas of late times diuers women as well maydens as widowes, and wiues hauing substance, some in goods moueable, and some in lands and tenements, and some being heires apparant to their Ancestours, for the lucre of such substance, haue oftentimes taken by misdoers, contrary to their will, and after maried to such misdoers, or to others by their assent, or defiled, to the great displeasure of God, and contrary to your Highnesses Lawes, and dis-

Parragement of the ſaid women, and great heauineſſe and diſcomfort of their friends, and ill example of others, which offences, albeit the ſame be made felonie by a certaine act of Parliament made in the third yeere of King Henrie the ſeuenth: Yet foraſmuch as Clergie hath bene heretofore allowed to ſuch Offenders, diuers perſons haue attempted and committed the ſaid offences in hope of life by the benefit of Clergie: Be it therefore enacted by the Queenes moſt excellent Maieſtie, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the authoritie of the ſame, that all and euery ſuch perſon and perſons as at any time after the end of this preſent Seſſion of Parliament, ſhall be conuicted or attainted, of or for any offence to be committed after the end of this preſent Seſſion of Parliament, made felonie by the ſaid Act of the third yeere of the reigne of King Henry the ſeuenth, or which ſhall be indicted and arreigned of or for any ſuch offence, and ſtand mute or make no direct anſwere, or ſhall challenge peremptorily aboue the number of twentie, ſhall in euery ſuch caſe, loſe his and their benefit of Clergie, and ſhall ſuffer paines of death without any benefit of Clergie: Any former law to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Prouided alwayes, that this Acte, or any thing therein conteined, ſhall not extend to take away the benefit of Clergie, but onely from ſuch perſon and perſons as hereafter ſhall be Principals or Procurers or Acceſſaries before ſuch offence committed.

An Acte for the increaſe of Mariners, and for maintenance of the Nauigation, repealing a former Acte made in the xxiij. yeere of her Maieſties reigne, bearing the ſame Title.

The x. Chapter.

Here at the Parliament holden by Prorogation the xvi. day of January, in the xxiii. yere of the Reigne of our moſt gracious Soueraigne Lady Queene Elizabeth, An Act was made (intituled, An Act for the increaſe of Mariners, and for maintenance of Nauigation) whereby amongſt other things, it was enacted, that it ſhould not bee lawfull to any natiue Engliſhman, woman, or Denizen, at any time, after a time limited in the ſame Act, directly, or indirectly, by themſelues, their Seruants, Factors, Agents, Deputies, or friends, or any of them whatſoeuer, to go or ſend into any other forreine countrey, Realme, or dominion whatſoeuer, for the buying, prouiding, or bringing into this realme, out, or from any the ſayd Forreine Realmes or Dominions, out of the Queenes obeylance, of any ſalted fiſh, or ſalted Herings, nor ſhould make any agreement with any Alien, or Stranger, or any other for ſuch bringing into this Realme, by any Alien, or Strauger, of any ſalted fiſh, or ſalted Herings, and that no ſalted fiſh, nor ſalted Herings, ſhould be brought hither out of the ſayd forreine Realmes and Dominions, but by the meere Owners thereof, or deputies of them, being Aliens and Strangers, without the procurement of any Subiect of the Queenes Maieſtie, her heires or ſucceſſors, or of any Denizen, and by none other perſon, or perſons, vpon paine that ſuch Engliſh perſon, or Denizen offending againſt that Acte, ſhould forfeit the ſame ſalted Herings, and ſalted fiſh, or the value thereof, with di-

uers other Clauses, and branches in the same Statute conteyned, touching the bringing of Fish into this Realme, and the buying and selling of Fishe, as by the same Acte at large appeareth, vpon the making of which Acte it was hoped and expected, that the Fishermen of this Realme, would in such sort haue imployed themselues to fishing, and to the building and preparing of such store of Boates, and Shipping for that purpose, as that they should long ere this time, haue beene able sufficiently to haue victualled this Realme with salted Fish, and Herrings of their owne taking, without any supply of Aliens and Strangers, to the great increase of Mariners, and maintenance of the Nauigation within this Realme, Notwithstanding it is since found by experience, that the Nauigation of this lande is no whit bettered by meanes of that Acte, nor any Mariners increased, nor like to be increased by it, But contrariwise, the naturall Subiects of this Realme, being not able to furnish the tenth part of the same with salted Fish of their owne taking, The chiefe prouision and victualling thereof with Fish and Herrings, hath euer since the making of the same Statute, beene in the power and disposition of Aliens and Strangers, who thereby haue much inriched themselues, greatly increased their Nauigation, and (taking aduantage of the time) haue extreemly inhaunsed the prices of that victuall, to the great hurt and impouerishing of the native Subiects of this Realme, and yet doe serue the Markets here in very euill sort by little and little, housing and keeping their Fish, as well on this side, as beyond the Seas, till the prises bee raised to their liking, And the Marchants of this Realme, hauing bene wholy barred in their trades of prouiding of Fish for the seruice thereof, The Nauigation of this Realme, which was intended to bee augmented, hath bene rather impaired then increased thereby, and the prises of Fish greatly inhaunsed, to the great and generall prejudice of the Subiectes: For remedie whereof, and for that it is lawfull as well to Strangers and Aliens, as to the Subiects of this Realme, to carrie out into forreine partes and Dominions, such salted Fish and Herings, as are taken and prouided by the Subiects of this Realme, And therefore very vnequall that the native Subiects of this land, should not bee at libertie to bring in also forreine prouision of Fish, for the victualling of their owne Countrey, as well as to carie out, but that the Stranger should be wholy trusted therewith:

Bee it therefore enacted by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the au-

thoritie of the same, That the same Statute made in the saide xviii. yere of her Maiesties most gracious reigne, & euery Clause, Branch, Article, and Prouiso thereof, and all the penalties and forfeitures therein contained, shall from henceforth be cleanely repealed, voyde, frustrate, and of none effect, to all intents, constructions and purposes, as if the same had neuer bene had ne made, Any thing in the same Act contained to the contrary thereof in any wise not withstanding.

And be it further enacted by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, that it shall and may be lawfull for all and euery her Maiesties Subiects being owners of any Ships, Barkes, or Vessels sayling with crosse Sayles, to receiue and take into their sayde Shippes, Barkes, or Vessels, any Herrings, or other fish, which any Alien or Stranger shall buy and prouide of any her Maiesties Subiects within this Realme, And the same Herrings and fish, or any of them may transport into any parts beyonde the Seas, being in league or amitie with her Maiestie, in their sayde Shippes or Vessels with crosse Sayles, So as the saide Aliens or Strangers pay to her Maiestie, her Customes and dueties for the same, in such sort, as by the same former Acte was limited and appointed.

And be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that all Aliens and Strangers shall from henceforth, and from time to time pay to her Maiestie, for all salted fish, and salted Herrings to bee brought into this Realme, all such like Customes, and Impositions, as are or shall bee imposed or set vpon any her Maiesties Subiects, in those forreine Regions and Countreys, Ports, and Townes, from whence the said salted fish and salted Herrings, shalbe shipped and brought for the like Fishes and Herrings, ouer and besides the ordinary Customes, which haue bene payd to her Maiestie for the same, in maner and forme, as by the same Acte was enacted and appointed.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that if any Alien, or Stranger borne, or any Denizen, or naturall borne subiect of this Realme, shal bring into any Hauen, Port, Creeke, or Towne of this Realme any salt fish, or salt Herrings, which shall not be good, sweete, seasonable, and meete for mens meate, and shal offer the same to be solde, & shalbe warned by any Officer of such Port, Hauen or towne, where the same shalbe offred to be sold, that the same bee not seasonable nor meete for mens meate, That then if he or they shall after that, offer any of the said vnseasonable fish to be sold to any person within this realme, Or being an Alien borne, & no denizen, shal not depart with the same from

the said Hauen, Port, or Towne, so soone as conueniencie will serue, That then all and euery person, Owners thereof, shall lose and forfeit to our said Soueraigne Lady, all the said vnreasonable Fish vnmeete for mens meate, as before is said.

And bee it likewise enacted, that all Ordinances of the Fishmongers of London, or of any other Company, or Corporation whatsoeuer, made, or to bee made, for restraint of any person to take or sell Fish, or to buy or prouide any Fish of any Merchant, or other within this Realme, shall be repealed and voyde, And that euery person, or body corporate, that shall make or execute any such Ordinance or restraint, shall for euery such offence forfeit one hundreth poundes, the one moitie thereof to the Queenes Maiestie, her heires, and successours, and the other moitie to the partie grieued, that will sue for the same, by Action of Debt, in any Court of Record, wherein no Essoine, Protection or Wager of Lawe for the defendant, shall bee admitted or allowed.

Prouided alwayes, that this Acte shall no longer endure, then to the ende of the next Parliament hereafter ensuing.

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An Acte for the better execution of the Statute made in the xxiij. yere of the Queenes Maieſties reigne for the aboliſhing of Logwood, alias Blockwood, in the dying of Cloth, Wooll, or Yarne.

The xj. Chapter.

Whereas by an Eſtatute lately made in the xxiij. yeere of the Queenes Maieſties reigne that nowe is, it was among other things enacted, that no perſon ſhould die or cauſe to be died any Cloth, Wooll, or other things there mentioned, with any ſtuffe called Logwood, alias Blockwood, vpon ſuch penaltie, as in the ſaide ſtatute is mentioned, ſince the making of which ſtatute, ſundry euill diſpoſed perſons haue ſought to defraud the true meaning of the ſaid ſtatute, and to auoyd the penaltie therein contained, by cunning filling or mixing the ſaid Logwood, alias Blockwood, together with Woad or other ſtuffe, which is not onely contrary to the true meaning of the ſaid former Acte, and to the great deceit of her Maieſties louing ſubiects, but alſo to the diſcredite of the trade of Clothing, eſpecially in forreine Countreys, where heretofore Engliſh clothes haue bene had in good accompt & reckoning, for redreſſe of which fraud, and to the intent the ſaide practiſe may hereafter be the better diſcouered (which being cloſely and ſecretly done by the offenders, will otherwiſe hardly be founde out) and that the ſaid practiſe, according to the true intent and meaning of the ſaid former ſtatute, be henceforth vtterly abolished:

Be it therefore ordeined and enacted by authoritie of this preſent Parliament, that if any perſon ſhall be ſo ſuſpected to offend, then any Juſtice or Juſtices of Peace of the ſame County, where the ſaid ſuppoſed offender ſhall dwell, if he dwel out of a corporate Towne or citie, and if hee dwell within any corporate towne or Citie, then the Maior, Bailiffe, or other head Officer being a Juſtice of Peace of ſuch corporate Towne or Citie, where ſuch ſuppoſed offender ſhall dwell, vpon notice and Information to him or them giuen in that behalfe, ſhal by authority of this Act, by his or their warrant, or other commandement, cauſe to come before him

him or them, the seruants and workemen of such supposed offenders, and other persons able to disclose the saide deceit, and them to examine by their othe or otherwise, And if vpon the same examination they shall finde any person or persons, after the first day of February next ensuing, to haue vsed or caused to be vsed, in the dying or colouring of any Cloth, wooll, Yarne, Grogerain, Bustins, or Silke, or any thing made of woollen yarne or Silke, any Logwood, alias Blockwood, or now or heretofore reputed and taken for Logwood, alias Blockwood, that then the said Justices or Justice, Maior, Bailiffe, or other head Officer, being a Justice of Peace, shall not onely binde with suretie all such person or persons, whom they shall finde so suspected to haue offended, and such others as may discouer the same offence, to the next quarter Sessions or gaole deliuery, which shall happen to bee holden for that Countie, Citie, or Towne corporate, But also to certifie all such examinations and depositions, as tend to the finding out or discouery of the said offences, at the said gaole deliuery or quarter Sessions: And also if any such person so suspected to haue offended, vpon examination aforesaid, shall refuse to be bound as aforesaid, then the said person or persons so refusing, to bee committed to the next gaole, there to remaine, till hee, she, or they shall so become bound with sureties, And that the said Justices of Assise, or Justices of Peace, at such gaole deliuery or quarter Sessions, shall haue authoritie by this Act, to Indict and try the offenders, by the vsual course of Indictments and trials in like cases, And after such conuiction to adiudge the said offenders to be set openly on the Pillorie, in the saide Citie or market Towne where the same offence shalbe committed, And if it shall not be in any Market towne, then in the next Market towne adioyning, in the same Countie, there to continue, by all the time of the Market, one or more dayes by their discretion, for euery such offence: And further that euery such offender, beside his said corporall punishment, shall forfeit for euery such offence, the summe of xx.li. The one moitie of which summe of money, shall be to our soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and successors, and the other moitie, to him that will sue for the same, by Action of debt, Bill, plaint or Information, in any Court of Record. In which suite no essoine, protection, wager of Law, nor writ of priuiledge for the defendant, shalbe admitted or allowed, And the partie offending, being thereof conuicted, to remaine in prison without Baile or Mainprise, till he haue satisfied the same.

An

An acte for the explanation of the Statute made in the fift yeere of her Maiesties reigne, concerning Labourers.

The xij. Chapter.

WHereas by an Act made in the Parliament holde at Westminster, in the fift yere of the reigne of the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, Intituled, An Acte touching diuers orders for Artificers, Labourers, Seruants of Husbandry and Apprentices, It was prouided and enacted by the authoritie of the sayd Parliament, for the declaration & limitation what wages Seruaunts, Labourers and Artificers, either by the yere or day, or otherwise should haue and receiue: That the Iustices of Peace of euery Shire, Riding, or Libertie within the limites of their seuerall Commissions or the more part of them being then resiant within the same, and the Shirife of that Countie if he conueniently may, and euery Maior, Bailife, or other head Officer within any Citie or Towne corporate, wherein is any Iustice of Peace within the limites of the sayd City or Towne corporate and of the sayd Corporation, should before the tenth day of June next comming, and afterward should yeerly at euery generall Sessions first to be holden and kept after Easter, or at some time conuenient within six weekes next folowing euery of the sayd feasts of Easter assemble themselues together, and they (so assembled) calling vnto them such discreet and graue persons of the sayd Countie, or of the said Citie or Towne corporate, as they shall thinke meete, and conferring together, respecting the plentie or scarcitie of the time, and other circumstances necessarily to be considered, should haue authoritie by vertue hereof within the limites and precincts of their seuerall Commissions, to limite, rate and appoint the wages, as well of such and so many of the said Artificers, handicraftsmen, Husbandmen, or any other Labourer, seruant or workman, whose wages in time past hath bene by any Law or statute

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rated and appointed, And also the wages of all other labourers, artificers, workemen, or apprentices of Husbandry, which haue not bene rated, as they the same Iustices, Maiors, or head officers, within their seuerall commissions or libertas, should think meet by their discretions to be ratid, limited or appointed by the yeere or by the day, weeke, moneth, or otherwise with meat and drinke, or without meat and drinke; and what wages euery workeman or labourer should take by the great for mowing, reaping or threshing of corne and graine, and for mowing & making of Hey, or for ditching, paling, railling, or hedging, by the rodde, pearch, lug, yard, pole, rope or foote, and for any other kind of reasonable labours or seruice, and should yeerely before the xi. day of July next after the said assessement and rates so appointed and made, certifie the same ingrossed in parchment with the considerations & causes thereof, vnder their hands & seales into the Queenes most honourable Court of Chauncerie, to the end that Proclamation should be made in the name of the Queenes Maiestie, her heires or successors, for the obseruing of the same rates in such sort, maner and forme as in the said Act more at large is declared: And whereas the said Acte hath not according to the true meaning thereof bene duely put in execution, whereby the rates of wages for poore artificers, labourers & other persons, whose wages was ment to be rated by the said Act, haue not bin rated and proportioned according to the plentie, scarcitie, necessitie and respect of the time, which was politikely intended by the said Act: By reason ambiguitie and question haue risen and bin made, whether the rating of all maner artificers, workmen, and workwomen, his or their wages other then such as by some statute and law haue bin rated, or els such as did worke about Husbandry, forasmuch as the said law hath bene found beneficiall for the commen wealth:

Be it enacted, that the said Statute, and the authority by the same Statute giuen to any person or persons for assessing and rating of wages, and the authoritie to them in the said Act committed, shall be expounded and construed, and shal by force of this Act giue authority to all persons hauing any such authoritie to rate wages of any Labourers, Weauers, Spinsters and workmen or workewomen whatsoeuer, either working by the day, weeke, moneth, yeere, or taking any worke at any person or persons hand whatsoeuer, to be done. And whereas in diuers Shires within this Realme, the Iustices of Peace haue not vsually kept their generall Sessions in one place of the Shire together, but the generall Sessions haue bene kept in seuerall places for seuerall diuisions, By reason whereof the most part of the Iustices of the Peace comming not togither, nor rating of

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wages could wel be made in the ſaid Shire where ſuch generall Seſſions haue bene vſed: Be it enacted by authoritie of this preſent Parliament, that the moſt Juſtices of Peace, or the more part of them reſiant in ſuch diuiſion in any Shire within this Realme, where ſuch Seſſions haue bene vſually ſeuerally kept, ſhall at the ſame Seſſions, or at ſuch time of rating of wages, as is limited by the ſayd Acte made in the fift yeere of her Maieſties Reigne, haue as full authoritie and power to rate all maner of wages to be rated within the limits of ſuch diuiſion in any ſuch Shire, as if the ſame were done in the generall Seſſions for the ſayd Countie, or by the moſt part of the Juſtices meeting for the rating of wages by the ſayd Act. And be it further enacted, that after the rates made for wages, and ingroſſed in parchment vnder their hands and ſeales of them hauing authoritie to rate the ſame, it ſhal ꝛ may be lawfull to the Shirife of the ſayd Countie, or to the Maior or chiefe officer or officers of any Citie or Towne Corporate, to cauſe Proclamation to be made of the ſeuerall rates ſo rated, in ſo many places within their authorities as to them ſhall ſeeme conuenient, and as if the ſame had bene ſent downe Printed by the Lorde Chancellor or Keeper, after declaration thereof to her Maieſtie, and Certificate of the ſame into the Queenes moſt Honourable Court of Chancerie, and that euery perſon and perſons ſhall be bound to obſerue the ſayd rates in giuing and receiuing wages, vpon the paines and puniſhmentes mentioned in the ſaid Act, and to be recouered or puniſhment inflicted, as in the ſaid Act is mentioned.

And be it further enacted, that no perſon or perſons ſhall incurre any danger or penalty, for not making certificate into the Queenes moſt Honorable Court of the Chancerie, of any rates of wages appointed to be certified by the ſayde Acte made in the ſayde fift yeere of the Queene. But the ſayde Rates ingroſſed in parchment ꝛ ſealed as aforeſaid, ſhal if the ſame be in any Shire, be kept by the Cuſtos Rotulorum of the ſayd Countie, amongſt the Records in his cuſtody for the ſaid Shire: And in any Citie or Towne corporate, amongſt the Records of ẏ ſaid Citie or Towne corporate: This Act to continue till the end of one yeere next after the next Seſſion of Parliament.

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An explanation of an Acte made in the eleuenth yeere of King Henry the seuenth for Fustians.

The xiij. Chapter.

WHereas by an Act made in the eleuenth yeere of King Henry the seuenth, the Mayor and Wardens of Sheremen of the Citie of London for the time being, should haue authoritie to enter and search the workemanship of all maner of persons occupying the broad shere, as well Fustians as Cloth, and the execution of the sayd Acte, for vsing any Instruments of Iron, or other vntrue subtill meane or sleight in dressing the same: Since which time, for that the Lord Maior of London cannot conueniently go in his own person to make the said Search, by reason of his other weightie occasions, diuers haue resisted the Wardens of the Sheremen going abroad in offering to make Search, according to the sayd law, and for want of due and daily search in that behalfe, diuers haue of late dayes put in vre the Iron instruments, and other sleights forbidden by the said recited Act, to the great deceit of her Maiesties people, amongst whom the wearing of Fustians is lately growen to more vse, as may seeme, then euer it was before time: Which company of Sheremen, together with the company of Fullers, were since the sayd Act, made one company by the name of Clothworkers, and so no such search can be duly made: For remedy hereof,

Be it therefore enacted by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, with the consent of the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that from henceforth it shall and may be lawfull to, and for the said Lord Maior of the City of London, or his sufficient Deputie, and to, and for the Master & Wardens of the said Mysterie of Clothworkers of London, or such discreet persons as the said Master and Wardens of the sayd Mysterie of Clothworkers for the time being, shall from time to time appoint

point, to enter and make search, as the saide Maior of London, and Wardens of Wheremen might haue done together by the said Act, in the said xi. yere of king Henry the seuenth, vpon paine that the person, or persons, which shall make resistance herein, shall forfeit for euery such resistance xx. shillings of lawful money of England, The one halfe to her Maiestie, And the other halfe to him or them that will sue for the same, by Action of debe, Bill, plaint or information, in any of the Queenes Courts of Record, where the same may be determined, after the course of the Common Lawe, And that the defendant in such case in no wise be admitted to wage his Lawe, Nor that any protection, or essoyne be in the same allowable.

¶ An acte prohibiting the bringing into this Realme of any forraine Cardes for Wooll.

The xiiij. Chapter.

WHereas many thousandes of Woollen Cardmakers and Cardwierdrawers of the Cities of London, Bristoll, Gloucester, Norwich, Couentry, and of many other her Highnesse cities, & Townes within this Realme, haue heretofore liued and well maintained themselues, their wiues, families, & children, by the benefit and vse of their trade and faculty of Carde-making and drawing of Cardewier, within this Realme, And now of late time, by reason of the common bringing in of forreine Cardes for Wooll out of France, and other forreine parts, the saide Cardmakers and Cardwierdrawers, haue bene so much impouerished, that scant the twentieth person, that heretofore liued by the said trades, is now maintained and set on worke thereby:

Be it enacted by our soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, and by the Lords Spirituall, and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by authoritie of the same, that no person or persons whatsoeuer, from, or after the feast day of the Purification of the blessed virgin Saint Mary, now next ensuing, shall bring, sende, or conuey, or cause to be brought

brought, sent or conueyed into this Realme of England or Wales, from the parts beyonde the Seas, any Cardes for Woll to bee solde, bartered or exchanged within the Realme of England or Wales, vpon paine to forfait all such Cardes for Woll, so to bee brought, sent or conueyed, contrary to the true meaning of this Act, in whose handes soeuer they or any of them shalbe found, or the very value thereof, the one halfe whereof to bee to our said soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, her heires & successours, and the other moitie thereof to him or them that will seise the same or sue therefore, in any Court of Recorde of the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and successours, by Action of debt, Bill, Plaint, Information, or otherwise, in which Actions, Suites, Plaints or Informations, no wager of Lawe, Essoine or Protection shalbe allowed: This Acte to endure vnto the ende of the first Session of the next Parliament.

An Acte that no person robbing any house in the day time, although no person be therein, shall be admitted to haue the benefite of his Cleargie.

The xv Chapter.

WHereas of late yeres diuers lewde and felonous persons vnderstanding that the penalty of the robbing of houses in the day time (no person being in the house at the time of the robberie) is not so penal, as to commit or doe a robbery in any house, any person being therein at the time of the robberie, which hath & doth embolden diuers lewde persons to watch their opportunitie and time to commit and doe many haynous robberies, in breaking & entring diuers honest persons houses, and especially of the poorer sort of people, who by reason of their pouertie are not able to keepe any seruant, or otherwise to leaue any body to looke to their house, when they go abroad to heare Diuine seruice, or frō home to follow their labor to get their liuing, which is to the hindrance and losse of good subiects, & the

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vtter impouerishing of many poore widowes, sole women, and other people:

Be it therefore enacted by our soueraigne Lady the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons of this present Parliament assembled, that if any person or persons after the ende of this present Session of Parliament shalbe found guiltie, and conuicted by verdict, confession or otherwise, according to the lawes of this Realme, for the felonious taking away after the feast of Easter now next ensuing in the day time, of any money, goods or cattell, being of the value of .v. shillings or vpwards, in any dwelling house or houses, or any part thereof, or any out house or outhouses belonging, and vsed to or with any dwelling house or houses, although no person shalbe in the saide house or outhouses at the time of such felonie committed, then such person and persons shall not bee admitted to the benefite of his or their Cleargie, but shall be vtterly excluded thereof.

An acte to restraine the excessiue making of Mault.

The xvj. Chapter.

Whereas greater quantitie of Mault is dayly made, then either in times past was or is now needefull: Be it enacted by authoritie of this present Parliament, that from time to time and at all times hereafter it shall and may be lawfull for the Justices of peace within this realme in their open quarter Sessions, or the more part of them by their discretions, to suppresse, discharge or restraine the superfluous and vnnecessary number of Maulsters in part, or in the whole, and also to restraine such person and persons, as to their discretions shall seeme meete, from the buying of Barley to conuert into Mault in part or in all, for such time or times as to

their discretions shall seeme meet, and if any person or persons shal refuse, disobey, or not performe such suppressing, discharging or restraint, or any order whatsoeuer the sayd Justices shall set downe touching the same, That then, and so often such person and persons being thereof duely conuicted before the sayd Justices, or any two of them, by the testimonie of two witnesses, or by his owne confession, shall be by the sayd Justices committed to the common Gaole of the Countie, Citie, or corporate Towne, wherein the offence is committed, there to remaine without baile, or mainprise, by the space of three dayes, and from thence vntill he shall become bounden by recognizance in the summe of xl. pound, to be taken to the vse of her Maiestie, before any Justice of Peace to stand, to performe, and obey such suppressing, discharging or restraint taken by the sayd Justices as aforesayd.

Prouided alwayes, that the sayd Justices of Peace, within any Countie of this Realme, shall not intromit or enter into any citie, borough, or towne corporate, for execution of any article in this Acte, Except he be a Justice of Peace also in the sayd Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, but that it shall be lawfull to the Justices of Peace, Maiors, Bailiffes, and other head officers of those cities, boroughs, and townes corporate, where they keepe Sessions to proceed to the execution of this Act, and euery article thereof within the precincts of their liberties, at such time and times, and as often as to them shall seeme meete, in as large and ample maner, as the Justices of Peace in any County may do.

Prouided also, that it shall and may be lawfull to and for euery person and persons, which shall haue of his owne any Barley or Corne growing, or any Tithe corne, or Rent corne, reserued vpon any lease or demise, to conuert into Mault all or any such Barley or Corne, Any thing in this present Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that no maner of person or persons shall deale, or meddle in the execution of this Act, that vse to buy Barley to conuert to Mault, and to sell the same againe. This act shall not endure or continue any longer time, but vntil the end of the next Session of the next Parliament.

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¶ An Acte against lewd and wandering persons, pretending themselues to bee Souldiers or Mariners.

The xvij. Chapter.

WHereas diuers lewde & licentious persons contemning both Lawes, Magistrates, and Religion, haue of late dayes wandered vp and downe in all parts of the Realme, vnder the name of Souldiers and Mariners, abusing the title of that honourable profession to countenance their wicked behauiours, and doe continually assemble themselues weaponed in the high wayes & elsewhere in troupes, to the great terror and astonishment of her Maiesties true Subiects, the impeachment of her Lawes, and the disturbance of the peace and tranquilitie of this Realme: And whereas many haynous outrages, robberies and horrible murders are daily committed by these dissolute persons: And vnlesse some speedy remedy bee had, many dangers are like by these meanes to ensue and grow towards the common wealth:

Bee it therefore enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that all sole and wandering Souldiers or Mariners, or sole persons, which now are, or hereafter shall be wandering, as Souldiers or mariners, shall settle themselues in some seruice, labour, or other lawfull course of life without wandring, or otherwise repaire to the places where they were born, or to their dwelling places, if they haue any, and there remaine, betaking themselues to some lawfull trade or course of life, as aforesaid, vpon paine that all persons offending contrary to this Act, to be reputed as felons, and to suffer as in case of felonie, without any benefite of Clergie to be allowed. And be it further enacted, that euery sole and wandering Souldier or mariner, which comming from his Captaine from the Seas, or from beyond the Seas, shall not haue a testimoniall vnder the hand of some one Iustice

of the Peace, of, or neere the place where he landed, setting downe therein the place and time, where and when he landed, and the place of his dwelling or birth, vnto which hee is to passe as aforesaid, and a conuenient time therein limited for his passage, or hauing such testimoniall, shall wilfully exceed the time therein limited, aboue fourteene dayes: And also as well euery such idle and wandering Souldier or Mariner, as euery other idle person wandering, as Souldier or Mariner, which shall at any time hereafter forge or counterfeite any such testimoniall, or haue with him or them any such testimoniall forged, or counterfeited as aforesaid, knowing the same to be counterfeited or forged, in all these cases euery such Acte or Actes to be felonie, and the Offendours to suffer as aforesaide, without any benefite of Clergie.

And be it further enacted, that it shall be lawfull for the Iustices of Assises, Iustices of Gaole deliuerie, and Iustices of Peace of euery Countie, and for all Iustices of Peace in townes corporate, hauing authority to heare & determine felonies, to heare and determine all such offences in their generall Sessions, and to execute the offenders which shall be conuicted before them, as in cases of felony is accustomed: except some honest person valued at the last Subsidie next before the time, to tenne pounds in goods, or fortie shillings in lands, or els some honest ffreeholder, as by the sayd Iustices shall be allowed, will be contented before such Iustices, as such person shall be arraigned of felonie, to take him or them into his seruice for one whole yere then next following, and then before the sayd Iustices will be bound by recognizance of ten pounds to be leuied of his lands, goods, tenements, and chattels, to the vse of our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, if he keepe not the sayd person or persons for one whole yeere, and bring him to the next Sessions for the Peace and gaole deliuery, next ensuing after the sayd yere, and if any such person retained depart within the yere, without the licence of him that so retained him, then to be indicted, tried and iudged as a felon, and not to haue the benefit of the Clergie.

Prouided alwayes, that if any such idle and wandering person as aforesayd, shall happen to fall sicke by the way, so that by reason of his weaknesse he cannot trauaile to his iourneys end within the time limited within his testimoniall, no such to be within the danger of this statute, so as he settle himselfe in some lawfull course of life as aforesayd, or repaire as aforesayd to the place where he was borne, or was last abiding, within conuenient time after the recouerie of his sickness, and there remaine as aforesayd, any thing in this Statute contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

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Prouided also, and be it further enacted, that when any such souldier or Mariner, comming from the seas or from beyond the Seas, as aforesayde, shall repaire to the place of his dwelling or birth, according to the purport of the said Testimontall, and cannot of himselfe get there any worke, whereby to employ himselfe to labour, or other lawfull course of life, as aforesaid, that then in all such cases vpon complaint made by such souldier or Mariner to two Justices of Peace of the sayd Countie, of, or neere the sayd place, the said two Justices shall take order by their discretion, to set such souldier or Mariner to some such honest labour or worke as to them shall be thought meete. And for want of such worke, the said two Justices shal tare the whole hundred by their discretion, for the reliefe of such souldier or Mariner, til such sufficient worke may be had.

Prouided also, that if any such souldier or Mariner comming from the Seas, or from beyond the Seas as aforesaid, shal not at the time of his landing, or in his trauaile to the place whereunto he is to repaire as aforesaid, going the direct way, that then he resort to some Justice of the Peace, next adioyning to the sayde place of landing or way, and make knowen vnto the sayd Justice his pouertie: who vpon perfect notice thereof had, shall haue full power and authority by this present Act to licence the same souldier or Mariner to passe the next & direct way to the place where he is to repaire, and to limite him so much time onely, as shall be necessary for his trauaile thither: And that in such case his licence being so made, & he pursuing the forme of such his licence, shall and may for his necessary reliefe in his such trauaile, aske and take the reliefe that any person shal willingly giue him, and in such case, his such trauel and taking of almes as aforesaid, shal not be taken an offence against this Law.

Prouided also, that this Act, nor any thing therein conteined, shall extend or be interpreted to make or worke any corruption of blood in any the heires or heire of any such offender or offenders, any thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided also, and be it further enacted, that this Act shall not take any force or effect, till fortie dayes next after the end of this Session of Parliament, and shall continue to the end of the Parliament next ensuing.

An

¶ An acte for the reuiuing, continuance, explanation, perfecting, and repealing of diuers Statutes.

The xviij. Chapter.

WHere in the first Session of Parliament begunne in the Citie of London the third day of Nouember in the xxi. yeere of the reigne of our late Soueraigne lorde of famous memory king Henry the eight, and from thence adiorned and prorogued to the Palace of Westminster, An acte or statute was made, intituled, An act for the true making of Cables, hailers and ropes: And where in the Parliament holden vpon prorogatiō at westminster the fourth day of February, in the xxiiij. yeere of the reigne of the said King, there was one other act made, intituled, An act against the killing of yong beasts called weanlings: And where in the Session of Parliament ended at Westminster the first day of February, in the fourth yere of the reigne of our late soueraigne lord King Edward the vi. One act was made concerning the buying & selling of Rother beasts & cattell: And also one other Act was then and there likewise made, intituled, An act for the buying & selling of Butter and cheese: And where also in the Parliament begun at westminster the three and twentieth day of January, in the first yere of the reigne of the Queenes Maiestie that now is, & there continued by prorogation vntill the dissolution thereof, An act was then & there made, intituled, An act for the preseruation of Spaune and fry of Fish: And where also in the first Session of Parliament holden at Westminster, the twelfth day of January in the fifth yere of her Highnesse reigne, One Act was then and there made, intituled, An act for the maintenance and increase of Tillage: And one other act was also then and there made, intituled, An act for the auoyding of diuers forreine wares made by Handicrafts men beyond the Seas: And one other act was likewise then and there made, intituled, An act touching certaine politique constitutions made for the maintenance of the Nauie:

Maur: And where also in the last Session of Parliament holden by prorogation at Westminster, the last day of September in the eight yeere of her Maiesties reigne, one Acte was then and there made, intituled, An Acte for Bowyers, and the prices of Bowes: And where also in the Parliament begunne and holden at Westminster, the second day of Aprill, in the xiii. yeere of her Maiesties reigne, there was one Act and Statute made for the auoiding of some leases in certeine cases to be made of Ecclesiasticall promotions, with Cure, intituled, An act touching leases of Benefices and other Ecclesiasticall liuings with Cure: And whers also, there was then and there one other Act made, intituled, An Act that Purueyours may take Graine, Corne and victuals within fiue miles of Cambridge and Oxeford in certeine cases: And also one other Act was then and there made, intituled, An Act against Vsury: And also, one other Act was then and there made, intituled, An Act for the continuance of making of Cappes: And where in the first Session of Parliament holden at Westminster, the eight day of May, in the foureteenth yeere of her Highnesse reigne, there was one other Act made, intituled, An Act for the continuation, explanation, perfecting, and enlarging of diuers Statutes: In which Statutes are conteined diuers branches, clauses and prouisions touching and concerning the explanation, perfecting and inlarging of diuers of the Statutes before mentioned: And where also there was then and there one other Acte made, intituled, An Acte for the punishment of vagabonds, and for the relieue of the poore and impotent: And where in the Parliament holden at Westminster aforesayd, in the eighteenth yere of her Maiesties reigne, there was one other Act made, intituled, An Act for setting the poore on worke, and for the auoiding of idleneſſe: And also one other Acte was then and there made, intituled, An Act for the repairing and amending of the Bridges and high wayes nere vnto the citie of Oxenford: And where in the Parliament holden by prorogation at Westminster, the sixteenth day of January, in the three & twentieth yere of her Maiesties reigne, one Act was made, intituled, An Act for the repairing of Douer hauen: And where in the Parliament holden at Westminster the three and twentieth day of Nouember, in the seuen and twentieth yeere of her Maiesties reigne, one other Act was made for the reuiuing, continuance, explanation, and perfecting of diuers statutes, in which are conteined diuers branches, prouisions and clauses touching and concerning certeine additions and alterations vnto and of diuers of the sayd former recited Statutes, and other new prouisions: And where there was then and there one other Act made, intituled, An Act against couenous & frandulent Conueyances:

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And then and there one other Act was made, intituled, An Acte for the leuying of tilues lost by Iurors: And also there was then and there one other Act made, intituled, An Act for the good gouernment of the Citie or Borough of Westminster: And whereas in the Parliament holden at Westminster vpon prorogation, the fourth day of Nouember, in the second yeere of the reigne of the late King of most famous memorie King Edward the first, one Acte was made, intituled, An Acte for the true making of Wault, which sayd Statute was discontinued, And by another Act made in the sayde Parliament holden at Westminster in the sayd xxvii. yeere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne that now is, intituled, An Acte for the reuiuing of a former Statute, for the true making of Wault, was reuiued and continued, And also one other Act was there made in the said xxvii. yeere, intituled, An Act for the keeping of the Seabankes and Seawoorks in the Countie of Norffolke, And where in the Parliament holden at Westminster the fourth day of Februarye, in the xxxi. yeere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne that now is, there was an act made, intituled, An Act for the true gawging of vessels brought from beyond the Seas, conuerted by Brewers for the vtterance and sale of Ale and Beere, And also one other Acte was then and there made, intituled, An Acte for reuiuing and inlarging of a Statute made in the xxiii. yeere of her Maiesties reigne, for the reliefe of the Citie of Lincolne: And where in the Parliament holden at Westminster the xix. day of Februarye, in the xxxv. yeere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne that now is, there was an Act made, intituled, An Act to reteine the Queenes Maiesties Subiects in their due obedience, And also one other Acte was then and there made, intituled, An act for the necessarie relefe of Souldiers and Mariners, And also one other act was then and there made, intituled, An acte for the reformation of sundry abuses in Clothes called Deuonshire Kersies or Dozens, according to a Proclamation of the xxxiii. yeere of the reigne of our soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiesty that now is, And also one other Act was then and there made, intituled, An act for the bringing in of Clapboard from the parts of beyond the Seas, and the restraining of transporting of Wine Caske, for the sparing and preseruing of Timber within the Realme, That forasmuch as the sayd Act made in the sayd viii. yeere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne that now is, intituled, An Acte against vsurie, And one other Acte of the sayde Actes made in the xxvii. yeere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne that now is, intituled, An Acte against couenous and fraudulent conueyances, And one other of the aforesaid Actes made in the sayd xxviii. yeere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne, intituled, An Act for the leuying of tilues lost

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by Jurors, are by proofe and experience found to be very necessary and profitable for the Common wealth of this Realme: For which cause,

Be it enacted by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, with the assent of the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that the saide three last recited seuerall Acts, made in the saide thirteenth, and in the seuen and twentieth yeeres of the Queenes Maiesties reigne, and euery of them, and all and euery the branches, clauses and prouisions in them, and euery of them conteined, shall from henceforth bee, remaine, and continue in force and effect for euer. And forasmuch as the branches, clauses and prouisions conteined and specified in the said two seuerall Actes of continuance, made in the foureteenth and seuen and twentieth yeeres of her Maiesties Reigne, in addition, alteration, explanation, perfecting and inlarging of diuers of the saide Statutes, and other Statutes, and all the residue of the said recited Actes and Statutes, Except the saide three seuerall Statutes before, hereby made perpetuall, and except also the said Act made, Intituled, An Acte for the auoyding of diuers forreine wares made by Handycrafts men beyonde the Seas, and the said Acte made, Intituled, An Acte touching politique constitutions, made for the maintenance of the Naule, And the Estatute Intituled, An Act for maintenance and increase of Tillage, made in the fift yeere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne, The said Acte made for the continuance of making of Cappes, in the said thirteenth yere of the Reigne of the Queenes Maiestie that now is, The Acte made in the fourteenth yeere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne, Intituled, An Acte for the punishment of vagabonds, and for the relefe of the poore and impotent, The Acte made in the eighteenth yeere of her Maiesties Reigne, Intituled, An Act for setting of poore on worke, and for the auoyding of idlenesse, And the said Acte made for the repairing of Douer Hauen, And the said Act made for the necessary relefe of Souldiers and Mariners, doe seeme good and beneficiall to the weale and profit of this Realme,

Be it enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that the saide branches, clauses and prouisions of the saide two Acts of continuance, and the residue of the sayde recited Statutes and Actes, except before excepted, and euery of them, shall be by authoritie of this present Parliament, reuiued, continued, and endure in force and effect vntill the ende of the next Parliament next ensuing, And as concerning the said Act, touching politique constitutions made for the maintenance of the Naule, and the saide Acte made for the repairing of Douer Hauen, and

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the said Act made for repairing and amending the Bridges, and Highwayes, neere vnto the Citie of Oxford, the same shalbe, and continue in force vntil the ende of the next Parliament in such maner and forme, and with the same and like Provisoes, qualifications, and alterations, as by the said statute made in the xxv. yere of the Queenes Maiesties Reigne, that now is, Intituled, an Act for reuiuing, continuance, explanation, and perfecting of diuers statutes, are qualified, altered, or dispenced with, And that the said Acte made, for the auoyding of diuers forreine wares made by handicraftsmen, beyond the Seas, shall be reuiued, continued, and bee, and remaine from henceforth in force, vnto the ende of the next Parliament: And that the said Act, made for the continuance of making of Cappes, shall bee from henceforth repealed and made voyde, And that the said Act, Intituled, An Act for maintenance and increase of Tillage, for so much thereof as doeth concerne Tillage shall bee repealed, and for so much of the same Act, as doeth concerne the maintenance, repairing, or continuance of any houses of Husbandry, and the landes thereunto belonging, it shalbe continued and be in force, vnto the end of the next Parliament, if no other Act be made for the maintenance of houses of Husbandry, and against the decay thereof, in this present Parliament: And that the said Acts, The one Intituled, An Acte for the punishment of Vagabonds, and for the relefe of the poore and impotent, The other Intituled, An Act for setting of poore on worke, and for the auoyding of idlenesse, shalbe reuiued, and stand and be continued and in force, vntil the ende of the next Parliament: except for so much of the same two seuerall Statutes, and either of them as shalbe altered, repealed, or otherwise prouided for, or made voyde by any Acte of Parliament, made in this present Parliament.

Prouided, and bee it further enacted by authoritie of this present Parliament, that the said Act made in the fiue and thirtieth yere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne that now is, Intituled, An Acte for the necessary relefe of Souldiers and Mariners, for so much thereof, as shal not be altered, or otherwise prouided for, by any other Act made in this present Session of Parliament, shall be in force and continue vnto the end of the next Parliament, any thing in this present Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

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An Acte for amendement of high wayes in Sussex, Surrey and Kent.

The xix Chapter.

WHereas in the Yere of Parliament holden in the Fyfteenth yere of the reigne of our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie that nowe is, an Acte then made, entituled, An Acte for preseruation of Timber, in the Wodes of the Counties of Sussex, Surrey & Kent, & for the amendement of high wayes decayed by carriage to and from Iron mylles there, some remedie is prouided for the ingendring and spoyling of high wayes, by the carriages of Coles, Mine and Iron, to & from the Iron workes within some part of the said Counties of Surrey and Kent, And prouision for the amendyng of high wayes decayed in the Counte of Sussex, by the same meanes is left out, And also the sayd acte hath not taken the same good effect for the amendement of High wayes within the said Counties of Surrey and Kent as hath bene expected:

Be it further enacted by our soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons of this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that so much of the sayd Act of Parliament, made in the sayd xxviii. yere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne, as shall concerne the amendement of High wayes, in the sayde Counties of Surrey and Kent, shall from henceforth be repealed.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that the occupiers of all maner of Iron workes whatsoeuer, as owners or Farmers of the same by any estate of inheritance for life, liues, or for terme of yeere or yeeres, or at will, which shall at any time hereafter cary or cause to be caried any Coles, Mine, or Iron, to or for any their Iron workes, betweene the xii. day of October, and the first day of May in any yeere, shall for euery three loades of Cole or Mine, as also for euery tunne of Iron, which shall be caried by any maner of Waine or Cart betweene the sayd xii. day of October, and the first day of May, by the space of one mile, through any High wayes within the sayde Wolldes of Sussex, Surrey, Kent, or any of them, shall pay or cause to be payed vnto

the Iuſtices of Peace dwelling neere vnto the places in the ſayde Counties where the High wayes ſhalbe moſt annoyed, or their aſſignee, the ſumme of three ſhillings, the ſame to be leuied, after default of payment thereof, by ſuch Iuſtice of Peace or aſſignee by way of diſtreſſe, of any of the goods and chatteles remaining in the ſaide Countie, of ſuch perſon as ſhould haue payde ſuch ſumme.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforeſaide, that euery perſon and perſons, occupier of Iron worke as aforeſayd, which ſhall at any time hereafter carry, or cauſe to be carried any Coles, Mine or Iron, from any their Iron workes between the firſt day of May, and the xvth day of October in any yeere, for euery thirtie loades of Coles and Mine, or either of them, and for euery tenne tunnes of Iron, to be carried as aforeſaide, one load of ſinder, grauell, ſtone or chalke, meete for the repairing and a-mending of the ſayde High wayes as aforeſayde, to be layed and imployed in ſuch place and places of the High wayes, as any Iuſtice of the Peace of any the Counties aforeſaid, dwelling neere vnto the places where the High wayes within the limits aforeſayd ſhall be moſt annoyed, by any of the meanes aforeſayd, according to the greater and more preſent neceſſitie, ſhall be appointed and aſſigned, or elſe pay or cauſe to be payed, for and in allowance of euery Cart load, in maner and forme aforeſaid, to haue bene carted and layd it, within eight dayes after the demaund thereof, at any ſuch Iron worke made, to or from which Iron worke, any ſuch carriage ſhal be, to the hand of the ſaid Iuſtice of Peace or his aſſignes, the ſame to be leuied after default of payment vpon the demaund thereof from time to time, by way of diſtreſſe. And if ſuch Iuſtice of Peace by reaſon of abſence, or other occaſion, doe not or ſhall not within fourtie dayes, next after the ſayde firſt day of May, yeerely aſſigne and appoint, where and in what place of the High wayes, the ſaid ſinder, grauell, ſtone or chalke to be caried as aforeſaid, or where or how the money thereof due, or ſo payd, ſhalbe imploied and beſtowed, That then the ſame ſinder, grauell, ſtone or chalke ſhalbe laid and imployed by ſuch perſon or perſons, as by this act are to cary & lay the ſame, or to cauſe the ſame to be caried and layed, in ſuch place and places of the High wayes, as the Surueyors within the Parith for the time being, where the High wayes ſhalbe moſt annoyed as aforeſayd, ſhal aſſigne or appoint, or in default thereof, pay to the ſayd Surueyors for euery ſuch load due and vncaried, three ſhillings, in maner and fourme aforeſaid, vpon paine of forfaiture of tenne ſhillings for euery load of ſinder, grauell, ſtone or chalke, not caried, layed and employed in the High wayes, or three ſhillings vnpayed, as aforeſayde, to bee forfeited and payed by the

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perſon and perſons, which by this Acte ought to carie and lay, or cauſe to be caried and laied, the Sinder, Grauell, Stone or Chalke, or therefore to haue paied as is aforeſaid, after due conuiction and preſentment thereof had before the Juſtices of Oyer & terminer, or Juſtices of Peace, in any of their open Seſſion or Seſſions, to be holden before them, or any of them: All which ſumme and ſummes of money to be forfaited, by reaſon of this Act, for, or in default of cariage and laying of the ſayde Sinder, grauell, ſtone or chalke, or patment thereof as aforeſayd, ſhall be likewiſe beſtowed and employed vpon the amendement and repairing of the High wayes, at, and by the diſcretion of any ſuch Juſtice of Peace, as ſhall dwell and bee reſident next vnto the place and places, being moſt annoied by the cariages aforeſaide, the ſame to be leuied by way of diſtreſſe, by any Conſtable, Tithingman, Headborough, or other Officer thereunto to be aſſigned, by warrant made in open Seſſions by any Clearke of the Peace of the Countie, where any the offence or offences aforeſayde ſhall be committed, or by any two Juſtices of the Peace, whereof one to be of the Quorum, which were preſent at the Seſſions, wherin the ſaid conuiction, of or for any the offences aforeſaid ſhall be had: And if no ſufficient diſtreſſe can be found by the ſaid Officer appointed to leuy the ſame, or if the ſaid offender doe not pay the ſame, within twentie dayes after a lawful demaund of the ſame, by the ſaide Officer to be appointed for the leuying thereof, as aforeſaide, that then euery perſon ſo denying or refuſing, and not paying the ſame forfaiture, within twentie dayes aforeſaid, to forfeit the double ſumme he ſhould before haue paid, to be leuied by ſuch wayes, and meanes, as to any two of the Juſtices of the Peace of the ſame Countie, where the ſaide offence ſhalbe cõmitted, whereof one to be of the Quorum, ſhalbe thought moſt meet. The ſame forfaiture to be likewiſe imploied, vpon the amendment of the High wayes, as the other forfaiture ſhould haue bene, if the ſame had bene leuied, according to the true intent and meaning of this Statute.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforeſaide, that the Surueior and Surueiors, from time to time for the time being, within the Parish where the High wayes ſhall be moſt annoid, vpon default of the ſaid Juſtices as aforeſaid, within xx. dates after ſuch default of the Juſtice of Peace, as aforeſaid, ſhall aſſigne or appoint where and in what place of the High wayes, the ſaid Sinder, grauell, ſtone or chalke, or the forfaiture of money to be beſtowed, ſhall be cauſed and laid as aforeſaid, and vpon paine of forfaiture of euery ſuch Surueior or Surueiors, for euery ſuch default xl s. And the ſaid Surueiors ſhall make demaund according to the limitation of this preſent Acte, of all & euery ſuch forfaiture

faiture and summes of money limited to bee payed in default of such cariages as aforesaid, vpon paine to forfeit for euery such default xl. shillings: And shall also make presentment of euery such default of cariage, or payment contrary to the tenour of this present Acte, at the next quarter Session to be holden for the saide Countie, where such default of cariage and payment shalbe, vpon paine to forfeit for euery such default of presentment as aforesayd xl.s. The one moitie of all such forfeiture and forfeitures, to be to the Queenes Maiestie, the other moitie to such person or persons as will sue for the same, by Action, Bill, Plaint or Information in any of her Maiesties Courts of Record, where no wager of law, essoine or protection shalbe allowed.

An Acte against the deceitfull stretching and tainting of Northerne Cloth.

The xx. Chapter.

IN most humble and duetifull wise sheweth, beseeching your Highnesse, your true and faithfull Subiects, the Clothiers & Chapmen of your Counties of Yorke, Lancaster, & other your Highnesse Counties on the Northside of the riuer of Trent, That notwithstanding the many good and wholesome Lawes heretofore made for the true making of good & true Clothes and Kersies, which Lawes either by some wants in the Statutes already made, or for lacke of the due execution of the said lawes, haue not only not restrained the great abuse in making of Clothes & Kersies, but rather haue increased the same, insomuch that the said Northerne clothes and Kersies doe yerely & dayly growe worse & worse, and are made more light, and much more stretched and strained, then heretofore they haue bene, to the great deceit of all nations where the said clothes and Kersies are solde, and to the great shame & slander of the countrey where the same is made, And within short time like vtterly to ouerthrow the trade of Cloth making in those countries, wherevpon so many thousands of your subiects do now liue & are maintained, which great enormities your faithfull subiects do chiefly impute to the great nũber of Tenters & other engins dayly vsed

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and practised in the sayde Counties for the stretching and strayning of the sayde Clothes and Kerseis: For remedie and redresse whereof, your said subiects humbly beseech your most excellent Maiestie, that it may please your highnesse with the assent of the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, it may be enacted, any statute or law whatsoeuer, to the contrarie notwithstanding, That no person or persons, within any the Counties aforesayde, from, and after the twentieth day of September now next comming, shall stretch or straine, or cause to be stretched or strained, any Clothes, Dozens, Kerseis, Penistones, Rugges, Frizes, Keighley whites, Plaine graies, or any other clothes, by what name or names soeuer they be called, made, or hereafter to be made, within the sayd Countie of Yorke, Lancaster, or any other the Counties on the North of Trent, vpon paine to forfeit for euery default, fiue pound.

And further, that no person or persons, from, and after the sayde twentieth day of September, within the Counties aforesaid, or any of them, shal haue, vse or occupie any Tenter, of what sort or kinde soeuer, or any maner of wrinch, rope, or other engines, to stretch or straine any Clothes, Kerseis, Dozens, Penystones, Rugges, Friseis, Cottons, Keighley whites, Plain graies, or any other cloth, of what kind or name soeuer it, or they be called, made, wrought, or to be made or wrought within the sayde Counties, vpon paine that euery offender that shall haue or vse, or exercise any such Tenter, of what sort or kind soeuer, or any maner of rope, wrinch, ring head, or engine, shall forfait for euery such default twentie pound.

And further, that euery person or persons within the counties aforesaid, or any of them, which shall make, or cause to be made, any Clothes, Kerseis, Dozens, Cottons, Penistones, Plaine graies, Keighley whites, Friseis, or any other cloth, by what name or names soeuer, it or they be called, shall make the same of such weights, lengths & breadths, as by the Statutes of this realme alreadie in force is prouided, vnder the paines in the same Statutes contained, and before the same be sold, or offered to be sold, shall set his seale of lead vnto euery of the same Clothes, Kerseis, Dozens, Cottons, Plaine graies, Penistones, Keighley whites, Friseis, or by what name or names soeuer, it or they be called: In which said seale of lead shall be contained, the true & iust length, and the true & iust weight at the least, of euery such Cloth, Kersey, Dozen, Cotton, Penistone, Plaine graies, Keighley whites, Friseis, or by what name or names soeuer, it, or they shall be called, as it shall be duely found by due proofe thereof to be tried by water or weight, vpon paine to forfeit euery Cloth, Dozen, Cotton,

ton, Kerſey, Peniſtone, Plaine graies, Rigbley whites, Friſes or other Cloth, by what name or names ſoeuer it or they be called, which ſhalbe made within any the counties aforeſaid, whereunto ſuch ſeale as is aforeſayde, ſhall not be put and ſet: And in caſe vpon proofe to bee made by water or weight of any ſuch Clothes, Kerſeies, Dozens, Cottons, Peniſtones, Plain graies, Rigbley whites, Frizes or any other Cloth as is aforeſaide, ſhall be found of leſſe weight or of ſmaller content in length, then is conteined or ſpecified in any of their ſaid Seales, that the owner of euery ſuch Clothes, Kerſies, Dozens, Cottons, Peniſtones, Plaine graies, Rigbley whites, and Freeſes, or any other Cloth by what name or names ſoeuer they be called, as aforeſayd, or any other perſon or perſons in whoſe handes or poſſeſſions, any ſuch Clothes, Kerſies, Dozens, Cottons, Peniſtones, Plaine graies, Rigbley whites, Freeſes, or any other Cloth by what name or names ſoeuer they be called, ſhall be found, ſhall forfeite for euery yarde wanting in length, foure ſhillings: and for euery pound wanting in weight, two ſhillings.

And for the better and more ſpeedy and effectuall reforming of all ſuch abuſes as is aforeſaid, be it further enacted, that in euery Pariſh, Towne, Village and Hamlet within the Counties aforeſaide, where any Clothes, Kerſies, Dozens, Cottons, Penyſtones, plaine Graies, Rigbley whites, Friſes or any other cloth, by what name or names ſo euer they be called, ſhall be made or ſolde, the Juſtices of Peace of the ſame Shire or Riding, or two of them at the leaſt, and in euery Citie, Borough or Towne Corporate, the head Officer or Officers of euery of the ſame City, Borough or Towne corporate, together with ſome one or two of the Juſtices of the Peace of the Shire or Riding next adioyning to ſuch Citie, Borough or Towne corporate, ſhall haue full power and authoritie, and ſhal by vertue of this Acte, once euery yeere at the leaſt, and as often as they ſhall thinke good, to conuent and call before them by their precept or otherwiſe, two, foure, ſixe or eight, or more as they ſhall thinke good by their diſcretion of the moſt honeſt, diſcreete and able men of euery ſuch Citie, Towne, Village, Hamlet or Pariſh where any Cloth ſhall bee made or ſolde, and them ſhall conſtitute, ordeine and appoint to be ouerſeers for one whole yere or ſix moneths, or ſhorter time at their diſcretions, then next following, within the Citie, Borough, Towne, Village, Hamlet or Pariſh where the ſame ouerſeers ſhall be dwelling, and ſhall and may take them ſworne and bound in Recognizance of fourtie pounds a piece to the vſe of your moſt excellent Maieſtie and your Succeſſours, or doe their beſt endeuour by all lawfull wayes and meanes for their

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time, to see that this Statute in all pointes shall be truely obserued and kept within the limites of their charge in euery part thereof, and that the same Ouerseers, or two of them, shall once euery moneth at the least, or so often as need shall require, or they shall thinke fitte by their discretions by force hereof, visit and goe into all or any House or Houses, Shoppes, or other roomes of any Clothiers, Drapers, Clothworkers, or of any other person or persons whatsoeuer, where any of the sayd Cloth shall be, and there to make due search, and viewe the same made, or remaining to be solde, and to take search, and trie as well by weight, water, or any other way whatsoeuer, the sayd Clothes, Kersies, Dozens, Cottons, Penistones, Rigbley Whites and Frises, or any other Clothes, by what name or names they be called: And if any Clothes aforesayd, vpon search thereof, shall not bee found to bee sealed with a Seale, conteining the length and weight as aforesayd, then the Clothier, and euery Owner of the sayd Cloth, shall forfeit euerie such Cloth, Kersies, Dozens, Cottons, Penistones, Rigbley Whites and Frises, or any other Cloth, by what name or names soeuer they bee called, made within the Counties aforesayd, not so sealed and solde, or offered to be solde, and the sayde Ouerseers and euery of them, shall, and may seise and carrie away the same so forfeited as aforesayde, and present the same to the Justices of Peace at the next quarter Sessions, to be by them disposed of, as hereafter is in these presents limited and appointed. And if the sayde Ouerseers shall finde any false Seale or marke to be set vpon any Cloth aforesayd, or shall vpon search as aforesayd, finde the same Clothes aforesayd to be stretched or strained, then the same Ouerseers shal present the same defaults vnto the Justices at the next quarter Sessions, and the names of the owners or possessors of such Clothes, Kersies, Dozens, Cottons, Penistones, Rigbley Whites and Frises, or any other Clothes, by what name or names they be called, so found Defectiue: And if any maner of person or persons at any time after the said twentieth day of September, shall denie, withstand, or withholde any Clothes, Kersies, Dozens, Cottons, Penistones, Rigbley Whites and Frises, or any other Cloth, by what name or names soeuer they be called, from the sayd Ouerseers, or any of them, or will not suffer them to enter into any of the houses, shops, roomes or other places, where any such Clothes shall be, that then euery such person or persons so denying or withstanding, shall for the first offence forfeit and lose tenne pound, and for the second offence, twentie pound, and for the third offence, being thereof lawfully conuict by verdict of twelue men, and two sufficient witnesses shall stande

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vpon the pillorie in the next market towne: and if any of the sayd persons so commaunded to appeare, to be made Ouerseers as aforesayd, and hauing no reasonable excuse, refuse to come, and take vpon him or them to be Ouerseers as aforesayde, that then euery such person so refusing, and hauing no reasonable excuse so to doe, shall forfeit for euery such refusing, fiue pound, the one halfe thereof to be to your most excellent Maiestie, and your successours, and the other halfe to the Justices of the Peace, or other head officer, or officers, by whose commaundement he was appointed to appeare to be Ouerseer, and the same Ouerseers so offending, to remaine in the ward of the Shiriffe, Bailiffe, or other head officer, vntill such time as he hath made payment of the forfeiture, or otherwise put in sufficient bond for the satisfaction of the same. And to the end that the sayd Clothes, Kersies, Mozens, Cottons, Penistones, Kighley whites and Frises, or any other Clothes, by what name or names soeuer they be called, so to be viewed and searched, may be the better knowen: It is therefore enacted that the sayde Ouerseers shall fire vnto euery kinde of the Clothes aforesayd, a seale of Leade conteining the length and the weight of euery such Clothes (together with this word, Searched) which Cloth so sealed by the sayd Ouerseers, shall not be searched, tried or viewed by any other Searcher or Ouerseer, of any other Citie, Borough, Towne, Village, Parish or Hamlet, by vertue of his or their sayd office or offices, any thing in this Acte, or in any other Statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

And further, the sayd Clothiers and other Inhabitants doe humbly pray, that it may be likewise enacted, that if any person or persons, but such as are appointed, alligned and permitted by this Act, or their seruants, or deputies, doe at any time after the sayde twentieth day of September, counterfeit or set to, or willingly and wittingly take away from any the sayd Clothes, Kersies, Mozens, Cottons, Penistones, Kighley whites and Frises, or any other cloth, by what name or names soeuer they be called, made within the Counties aforesaid, any of the seales so to be fired as aboue is recited, that then euery person so offending, shall for the first offence forfeit and lose tenne pound: and for the second offence, being thereof lawfully conuicted by the verdict of twelue men, and two sufficient witnesses, stand vpon the pillorie, & lose and forfeit to your most excellent Maiestie, your heires and successour, twentie pound: And to the end that the sayd Statutes and Lawes aforesayde may be the more effectually executed, and all stretching and straining, and falsifying of any the Clothes aforesayd taken away, It may be also enacted that euery Justice of the Peace, head Constable, or other the Ouerseers aforesayd,

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shall have full power and lawfull authoritie to enter in, or vpon any the Messuages, Tenements, Houses, Buildings, Lands or grounds of any person or persons whatsoeuer, to search for any such Tenters, of what sort or kind soeuer, or any maner of ropes, rings, heads, wrinches, or other engins whatsoeuer, whereby any falshood or deceit may be vsed in or about the stretching and straining of any the sayd Clothes, Kersies, Mozens, Frises, Cottons, Penistones, Rigbleys, and Whites, or any other Cloth, by what name or names soeuer they be called, or any of them: And if they should finde any such Tenters of what sort or kinde soeuer, or any maner of Ropes, Rings, Heads, Wrings or Engines, they shall and may vtterly deface the same, in such sort as they cannot be imployed againe to any such vse. And if any person or persons, with whom any such shall once haue bene found, shall after that, be knowen to haue or vse any such tenter of what sort or kind soeuer, or any maner of Rope, Ring, Head, Wring, or Engine, that then they the sayd Justices, head Constables, or Quarterers, or any of them within the seuerall precincts, shall take and sell the same to the best value thereof, and by the consent of two Justices of Peace within the same Countie, dispose the money thereof comming to the poore of that Parish where the same shall be so taken: and that vpon complaint made, or information giuen of any such Tenter, of what sort or kind soeuer, or any maner of rope, head, ring, wrench or wring, or any other engine, to any Justice of Peace, euery one of them to whom such complaint shall be made, or information giuen, shall within seuen dayes next ensuing such complaint or information giuen, repaire to the place where the same shall be so had and vsed, and then and there execute this Statute, as aforesayd, vpon the paine hereafter in this present Acte expressed: And that if any person or persons, shall withstand, or resist any such Justice of Peace or head Officers, in or about touching or concerning the execution of the premisses, euery such person or persons, shall forfeit and suffer, as is before limited, for resisting the Quarterers in the search.

And if any the Justices or Justice of Peace, within the limits or bounds of his or their Commission, shall be negligent or make default in doing of any thing touching or concerning the due or true execution of this Statute, or any thing therein meant, euery such Justice of peace for euery such default, shall forfeit and lose fiue pounds. And that all such forfeitures as shall happen to growe by reason of this Acte, shall become three parts thereof to such person or persons as shall be their Quarterers, one other third part to the vse of our soueraigne Lady the Queene, [illegible]

ſtie, and one other third part to the vſe of the poore to be imployed to the vſe of the poore, in ſuch ſort as the Juſtices of peace in their Quarter Seſſions to be holden next after iudgement had, or giuen for the ſame, ſhall limit and appoint.

And that the ſayd Juſtices of Peace in their Quarter Seſſions, ſhall, and may inquire, heare and determine, euery fault or offence, made or done contrary to this preſent Acte, or any thing therein contained, except the offences committed, and forfeitures made by the Juſtices of Peace, by preſentment, bill, or information, and vpon proofe thereof made by the teſtimonie of two ſufficient witneſſes openly giuen to the Jurie, and thereupon preſentment made by the Jury to giue order for the execution of this ſtatute, and euery clauſe therein contained, and for the recouerie of the penalties aforeſayd, to the vſes aforeſayd.

And that the Juſtices of Aſſiſe, ſhall, and may inquire, heare and determine euery fault or offence, made or done by any Juſtice of Peace, contrary to this preſent Acte, in neglect of their duetie, in, or about, touching or concerning the execution of this preſent Acte, and vpon proofe thereof made by two ſufficient witneſſes, and by the preſentment of the Jurie, ſhall, and may giue order for recouerie and employment of the penalties and forfeitures by them committed and made to the vſes aforeſayd: and for default of Juſtice to be done, in maner and forme aforeſayd, by the Juſtices of Peace, or Juſtices of Aſſiſe, then the one moitie of all ſuch forfeitures to be the one halfe thereof to her Maieſtie, the other to him that will ſue for the ſame by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, Information, &c. in any of her Maieſties Court, or Courtes of Record at Weſtminſter. In which no wager of Law, Protection or Eſſoine, ſhall be admitted or allowed.

Prouided neuertheleſſe, and be it further enacted by the authoritie aforeſayd, that all and euery kind of Clothes aforeſaid, by what name ſoeuer they be called, which ſhall be made after the day aforeſayd, within the Counties aforeſayd, and brought vp to the Citie of London to be ſolde there, ſhall be brought into the common Cloth market place within the ſayd Citie, commonly called Blackwel hall, to be there ſearched dry, without wetting, and out of Market times, by the ſearchers of the ſayd City, vpon paine that euery Owner of any ſuch Cloth, ſhall forfeit for euery ſuch Cloth not ſo brought into the Market, fourty ſhillings, and vpon paine that euery Searcher that ſhall ſearch at anytime in the Market times, to the diſturbance of the ſale of ſuch Clothes in the Market there, ſhall forfeit for euery ſuch ſearch forty ſhillings, and vpon paine that euery Meaſurer that ſhall meaſure any ſuch Cloth in the Market there, ſhall forfeit for euery ſuch meaſure fortie ſhillings: all which ſayd forfeitures ſhall be, the one moitie to the vſe of our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maieſtie, her

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[illegible] rate and take such further summes of money upon every [illegible] within their severall limits, for the better relefe of those Souldiers and Mariners, as they shall thinke fit and convenient, so as no parish be rated above the former rate of xiij. pence, for every pound of two pence, weekely to be payed, and so as the weekely collection of the parishes in any Countie, where there shall be above fifty parishes, amount not above the rate of xiij. pence, for every parish in the same County, And that all summes assessed to be rated and every of them, shall be collected, levied, payed and distributed, by the persons and in manner and forme as is provided & set foorth by the sayd former acte, under such and the like paines and penalties as are appointed or set foorth by the same former Acte, And that all forfaitures to be forfaited by any Treasurers, Collectors, Constables [illegible] shall be employed towards the relefe of the [illegible] sayd Treasurers hands, to the uses [illegible] and appointed in and by the sayd former Acte, and [illegible] And that the said rates shall be gathered for [illegible] towers out of the countie [illegible] forty as the taxation [illegible] whole taxation there, [illegible] ning of this acte, or that they [illegible] the places where they [illegible] these presents, or [illegible]

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that if the said rate shall be common, and not sufficient for the relefe of such Souldiers & Mariners as shalbe to be relieved within the Citie of London, that then it shall be lawfull for the Maior, Recorder, and Aldermen of London, or the more parte of them, to rate and take such reasonable rate, summe or summes of money for the said relefe as shalbe to them thought fit and convenient, So as such summe and summes of money so to be rated do not exceed ij.s. weekely out of any parish, and so as the rate of the same shall not exceed viij.d. weekely out of every parishe within another within the said Citie and the liberties thereof.

Be it further declared and enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that the Justices of peace of every Countie within this Realme, within their severall limites, at their Dinner or Supper, or the more part of them there assembled, shall have power according to their power and authoritie, yerely to elect, nominate and appoint, of themselues or other sufficient men of the same Countie, valued

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by yeere in the Subsidie booke at ten pounds in landes, or fortie pound in goodes at the leaſt, treaſurers of the ſaid collectiō, which treaſurers ſo to bee euery County to be choſen, ſhall continue, do, ſet forme, and giue vp their charge, and account, in ſuch ſort, maner and forme, and for ſuch time as is ſet forth by the ſayd former Act, vnder ſuch and the like paines and penalties, as are by the ſayd former Act appointed in that behalfe.

Be it likewiſe explained, and enacted by authoritie aforeſayd, that the Juſtices of peace in euery County of this Realme of England, within their ſeuerall limits at their quarter Seſſions, or the more part of them, then there aſſembled, may vpon any iuſt cauſe, reuoke, diminiſh, or alter any portion or portions of reliefe, aſſigned or granted to any ſuch Souldier or Mariner, from time to time, according to their diſcretion. And where it is founde by experience, that the pety Conſtables and Churchwardens of parithes bee remiſſe and negligent in collecting of the ſummes of money tared for the reliefe aforeſayd, and in making payment therof, and that the penaltie of ten ſhillings, expreſſed in the ſayd former Act, extended not, but to the Churchwardens onely, and was too ſmall a penaltie to be inflicted for their default, Therefore it is explained & enacted by the authoritie aforeſayd, that the Churchwardens and Conſtables of euery pariſh, ſhall ioyne in the collection and payment ouer to the high Conſtables, as is ſet forth in the ſayde former Act, of the ſayde ſummes to be tared in their pariſh, and that the ſayd Churchwardens and Conſtables ſeuerally and ſeuerally ſhall haue like authority and meanes, to leuie, collect, and gather the ſummes to be tared by this Act, as they or either of them had to leuie the ſummes appointed by the ſayd former Acte: And if any pety Conſtable or Churchwarden, his executours or adminiſtratours, ſhall faile to make payment in forme as is ſet forth by the ſayd former Act, then euery pety Conſtable and Churchwarden, his executors or adminiſtrators ſo offending, ſhall forfeit the ſumme of twenty ſhillings, to be leuied and imployed, in forme as the penalties, in and by the ſayd former Act expreſſed, are appointed to be leuied and imployed.

An acte for the eſtabliſhing of the Biſhopricke of Norwich, and the poſſeſſions of the ſame againſt a certaine pretended concealed title, made thereunto.

The xxii. Chapter.

WHere in the xxbii. yeere of the reigne of the late King of famous memorie, King Henrie the eight, it was enacted by authoritie of Parliament, that ſuch perſon as ſhould then next after bee Biſhop of the See of Norwich, being then voyde, and his ſucceſſours Biſhops of the ſayde See, ſhould haue and enioy united and knitte to the ſaide Biſhopricke, the Monaſtery of S. Benets, in the countie of Norfolke, and all the poſſeſſions of the ſame: And where William Rugge was next Biſhop of the ſayd See, and by force of the ſaide Acte was ſeiſed to him and his Succeſſours in fee ſimple, of, and in the ſayd Monaſterie, and the poſſeſſions of the ſame: And afterwarde William by the name of William by the permiſſion of God Biſhop of Norwich, true and vndoubted Patron of the Hoſpitall of Saint Giles in Norwich, and Nicholas Sharton Maſter or Gardian of the ſayde Hoſpitall, and the bretheren of the ſame by their deede, bearing date the firſt day of March in the firſt yeere of the late King Edward the firſt, and in due fourme of Lawe acknowledged and inrolled, did giue, graunt and confirme to the ſayde King Edward the firſt, his Heires and Succeſſours the ſayde Hoſpitall, and the poſſeſſions and hereditaments belonging to the ſame, as by the ſayde deede and inrolment thereof may appeare: By force whereof the ſayde King Edward the firſt was of the ſayd Hoſpitall, and the poſſeſſions of the ſame, ſeiſed in his Demeſne as of fee in the right of his Crowne of England: And ſo ſeiſed, diſpoſed

disposed of the same as to his Highnesse did seeme good, euer since which sayd graunt, and since the sayd statute made in the sayde xrvii. yeere of King Henrie the eight, the sayde Bishop of Norwich and his Successors haue had and inioyed the sayd Bishoprieke, and the sayd late Monasterie of S. Benets, and all the possessions & hereditaments late belonging to the same Monastery or Bishoprieke, and haue and yet do mainteine their estates, of and by the reuenues of the same, and thereout of haue euer since payd vnto king Edward the first, Queene Mary, and to the Queenes Maiesty that now is, and yet do pay vnto her Maiesty first fruits, Tenths & Subsidies, as all other the Bishops of the Realme haue done, and haue demised, let and set diuers the possessions of the said Bishoprieke, late the possessions of the said late Monasterie to our souereigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, & to sundry others for diuers estates, interests, and termes of yeeres, which said interests are by many seuerall conueiances passed frō hand to hand to very many of her Maiesties dutifull Subiects, whose whole liuelyhood, or a great part thereof dependeth thereupon: yet certeine persons of a greedy & couetous desire to enrich themselues, haue to the great deceit of her Highnesse, to the impeachment of the sayd Bishoprieke, & to the vniust disturbance of the Bishops of the same See, their tenants & farmers, obteined of her Maiesty (little suspecting their euill intention) a grant in fee farme by her Letters Patents, bearing date the ii. day of August in the xxvii. yeere of her happie reigne, of all or the most part of the possessions of the said Bishoprieke vnder the name of a cottage, and of all lands, tenements, tithes and hereditaments, with the appurtenances within the Deanries of Fleg, Brooke, Warham, Blofield, Repes and Deepewade, or any of them in the county of Norfolke, to the late monastery of S. Benets of Hulme belonging & apperteining at or vnder the yerely rent only of xi.s. by yere, as by the sayd Letters patents may appeare, pretending now that the said possessions of the said Bishoprieke, which were as aforesayd, first the possessions of the sayd Monastery, were by the said William late Bishop of Norwich by some general words conueyed to king Edward the first, his Heires and Successours by the aforesayd deed, dated the first day of March in the first yere of his reigne: whereas indeed he the sayd Bishop ioyned with the sayd Master and brethren, as Patron of the sayd Hospitall onely, to strengthen the sayd graunt of the sayd Hospitall, and the possessions therof, and not intending any way to touch any the possessions of the sayd Bishoprieke, which sayd graunt being so indirectly against the gracious meaning of our sayd Soueraigne Lady, and without consideration other then as aforesayd obtained, they the sayd Concealers haue conueyed

the sayde premisses, or some part thereof vnto others not ignorant of the sayde fraud and ill practise, who haue by colour of the sayd pretended title, attempted to trouble the possession of diuers the Tenants and Farmers of the sayd Bishoprick: For remedie whereof, and because it is most manifest, that neither the sayd William late Bishop by the sayd deed, made in the sayd first yeere of the reigne of King Edward the first, did meane to giue or graunt, or the sayde King Edward the first thereby to haue or take any part of the possessions aforesayd, of the sayd Bishoprick, neither yet her Maiestie tooke any knowledge of anie such pretended title, neither meant to passe any such to the sayd Concealers, and yet some trouble may arise by colour of the sayd pretensed title:

Be it therefore enacted by our sayd Souereigne Ladie the Queenes Maiestie, the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that the sayde deed dated the first day of March, in the sayd first yeere of the reigne of the sayde King Edward the first, shall be taken, construed and adiudged, not to haue contueyed to the sayd King, his Heires and Successours any Manours, Lands, Tenements, Seruices, Rents, Rectories, Tithes, Aduowsons, Liberties, or Hereditaments whatsoeuer of the sayde late Monasterie of Saint Benets, alias Saint Benets of Hulme, or of the said Bishoprick, or belonging thereunto, or to either of them: but that the same and euery part thereof shalbe deemed and adiudged to haue remained, continued and bene in the sayd William then Bishop of the sayd See, and his Successours, and shall at all times for euer heereafter remaine, continue, and be, and so be adiudged to remaine, continue, and be in the now Bishop of the sayd See, and his Successors for euer, of such and the like estate, and in such maner, forme and condition to all intents, constructions and purposes, as if the sayd deed had neuer bene had ne made.

Prouided that this Acte shall not extend to the sayde now or late Hospitall, nor any Landes, Tenements, rents, and hereditaments, goods, chattels, rights, or credits, nowe or late belonging to the same, nor to the patronage thereof, nor to any thing whereof, or whereto the sayde late Master or Gardian, and brethren of the sayd late Hospitall, were seised, possessed, or intituled, but that the sayde deed as to the same and euerie part thereof shall be good and effectuall in Lawe to all intents and purposes, as if this Acte had neuer beene had, nor made, (Any thing aforesayd to the contrarie notwithstanding) Sauing to all person and persons, bodies politike and corporate, their Heires and Successours, executours, administratours

ſtratours and aſſignes, other then the ſayde late King Edward the ſixt, Queene Mary, the Queenes Maieſtie that nowe is, their and euery their heires, ſucceſſours and aſſignes, claiming any the ſayd poſſeſſions of the ſayd late Monaſterie, or of the ſaid Biſhoprieke by force, vertue, or colour of the ſayd deede, made to the ſaid late King Edward the ſixt, all eſtates, intereſts, rights, titles, claimes, conditions, ſeruices, rents and demaundes whatſoeuer, as if this Act had neuer beene had or made.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted, that all and ſinguler Statutes, Recognizances, Bonds, Couenants, and agreements, heretofore had or made, to or with the ſaid Patentees in the ſaide Letters Patents named or any of them, or to or with any other perſon or perſons claiming by, from, or vnder them or any of them, being partes or priuie to the ſayd practiſe or fraud, for or concerning any of the ſayd landes, tenements, or hereditaments, nowe, or heretofore parcell of the ſayde Biſhoprieke ſhall be vtterly void, for any matter or thing touching or concerning onely the ſame landes, tenements, and hereditaments, or any part thereof, now or heretofore parcell of the ſayd Biſhoprieke.

An acte for the repairing of the Bridges of Newport and Carlion, in the County of Monmouth.

The xxxij. Chapter.

In moſt humble wiſe beſeecheth your moſt excellent Maieſtie, the Inhabitants of the greateſt part of Southwales: That whereas a certeine great bridge of timber called Newport bridge, is ſtanding ouer the Riuer of Uske, in the Countie of Monmouth, and is, and of long time hath bene the meereſt, & moſt neceſſarie paſſage & high way, that leadeth into the parts of Southwales, and out of the ſame to London, Briſtow, and other parts of England, and is of late fallen to great ruine and decay, and likely dayly (not repaired) to become not paſſable, whereby the ſayd high way ſhall bee from henceforth vtterly taken away, to the great hinderance and hurt of a great multitude of your Highneſſe ſubiectes, trauailing into thoſe parts: And whereas alſo, there is one other great Bridge of Timber, called Carlions Bridge, ſtanding ouer the ſayd Riuer of Uske, in the foreſayd Countie of Monmouth, And is a moſt neceſſarie paſſage and high way, for all the Inhabitants of the ſaid Countie of Monmouth, and others your Maieſties Subiects trauailing into thoſe partes: which Bridge hauing nothing to mainteine the ſame, is likewiſe of late fallen to great ruine and decay, and is likely dayly (not repaired) to fall, to the great hinderance and hurt of a great multitude of your Maieſties ſubiectes trauailing into thoſe parts: And whereas one Acte of Parliament was made in the two and twentieth yeere of the reigne of our late Souereigne Lorde of famous memorie, king Henrie the eight your Highneſſe moſt renowmed late father, intituled, An Acte concerning repairing and amending of Bridges in high wayes, In which Acte, among other things it is enacted, That if any part of any decayed Bridge

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happen to be within any limites of any Citie, or Towne Corporate, and part without, and part within any Riding, and part within another, Or if part be within one Shire, Riding, Citie, or Towne corporate, and the other part thereof to bee in another Shire, Riding, Citie, or Towne corporate, That then in euery such case, the Inhabitants of the Shires, Ridings, Cities, or Townes Corporate, shall bee charged and chargeable to amend, make, and repaire, such part and portion of such Bridges so decayed, as shall lye and bee within the limites of the Shire, Riding, or Towne Corporate, wherein they bee inhabiting at the time of the said decayes, as by the said Act amongst other things more plainely doeth and may appeare: Yet neuertheless, for that at the time of the making of the foresaide Statute, the foresayde Townes of Newport and Carlion, nor any of them, were not as then united and annexed to the saide Countie of Monmouth, But sithence in the seuen and twentieth yeere of the said late king Henry the eight, by force of one Act, Intituled, An Acte for Lawes and Justice to be ministred in Wales, in like forme as it is in this Realme, And now by reason of certaine wordes contained in the saide last Acte, as also by reason of the great pouertie of the Inhabitants of the said Townes of Newport and Carlion, diuers questions, ambiguities, and doubts haue risen, and doe dayly arise and growe, howe, and by what meanes the foresaid Bridges shall be repaired, amended, or newe made, And for that no person or persons certaine, or body politique is, or are chargeable for the repayring of the same Bridges, or either of them: For declaration and explanation whereof, and for remedy in the premisses to be had,

That it may be enacted by your Highnesse, and by the consent of the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons assembled in this present Parliament, and by the authoritie of the same, That the Inhabitants in the Shire, and Countie of Monmouth, shall stand for euermore chargeable for the maintenance, repairing, amending, and newe making of the foresayde Bridges of Newport and Carlion, and either of them, when and as often as neede shall require: And that for the assessement, rating, collection, gathering, and imploying of the moneys thereupon to bee spent, such order and direction shall and may bee obserued and kept, as is appointed by the foresaid Act, made in the two and twentieth yeere of the saide King Henry the eight, for repairing of Bridges in high wayes, and for the more speedy performance of the premisses, and preuenting of further losse and charges.

That it may likewise be enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that if the Justices of Peace of the foresaid Shire, and Countie

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of Monmouth, or any of them, doe make any default in the not appointing, executing, and obſeruing the like order for the repairing of the ſayd two bridges of Newport and Carlion, as by the ſaid Act in the two and twentieth yere of King Henry the eight. and by this Statute is limited, expreſſed and declared, for the aſſeſſement, collection, and imployment of the moneys ſo to be collected, according to the meaning of the ſayd Actes, by the ſpace of three moneths next after this preſent Seſſion of Parliament: That then they and euery of them, being reſident and inhabiting within the ſayd Shire of Monmouth, ſhall forfeit for ſuch default the ſumme of ten pounds a piece, to bee recouered before the Queenes Maieſties Counſell, in the Marches of wales by information, to be imployed to and for the vſe and reparation of the forſayd bridges of Newport and Carlion.

Prouided alwayes that this Acte, nor any thing therein conteined, ſhall extend to giue power or authoritie to the Juſtices of Peace of the ſayd County, to charge any towne or townes corporate within the ſayde County, that are already by Law bound to amend, repaire, or reedifie any Bridges ouer any maine Riuers or ſtreames within the ſayde Countie, with any contribution towardes the amending, repayring, or reedifying of the bridges in this Act mentioned, other then the Townes of Newport and Carlion, Any matter or thing in this ſayd Act mentioned, or in the ſayd Act had and made in the xrij. yeere of King Henry the eight, in this preſent Acte mentioned, to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

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An acte for the erecting and building of a bridge ouer the Riuer of Wie at VVilton vpon VVie, neere the Towne of Rosse in the Countie of Hereford.

The xxiiij. Chapter.

WHereas the Queenes Maiesties Towne or Borough of Rosse in the County of Hereford is an ancient and great market Towne, as well of all kinde of Cattell as of Corne, and many other commodities, hauing in it yeerely foure verygreat faires there holden, and is also a very great throughfare, passage or post way from a great part of the sayde Countie of Hereford, and of the Counties of Monmouth, Brecon, Carmarthen, Pembroke, and most part of all Southwales, to the Citie of London, and other parts of England: And whereas the common great post way leading from the parts aforesaide, towards the saide Towne, leadeth through the Riuer of Wie, at Wilton vpon Wie, in the saide Countie of Hereford, neere the said Towne of Rosse, which riuer the most part of the winter time, and at all other times of longe flouds is very furious and dangerous, and with a small raine doeth suddenly swell and rise vp: At which times, although a Boate, and sometimes two Boates, of good burthen, are there vsed and imployed, to passe men, horses and cattell ouer the same Riuer: Yet the multitude of her Maiesties louing Subiects, occasioned to passe that way from time to time is so great as that the same Boates haue not sufficed, neither will suffice to passe, carry or transport, her Maiesties said Subiects, their horses, cattel and other carriages there, ouer the same riuer in conuenient time, whereby many great inconueniences and mischiefes haue happened, and do daily happen to sundry her Maiesties said subiects at the said passage, as namely the passage Boate there hath bene often so much ouercharged with multitude of people, that the same hath sunke with the same people in the sayde Riuer, where, thirtie or fourtie of her Maiesties subiects not long since

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haue bene drowned, and vtterly perished at once, and many others of them haue escaped by swimming, but very hardly with their liues, and at other times the armes and legges of diuers others her Maiesties said Subiects haue bene broken, and men, women, and children with the presse of people to get into the said Boate, bene dayly troden downe into the sayde Riuer, and many times troden vnder the feete of men and horses, and also cattell and horses often haue bene there drowned and spoyled, to the great losse, terror, and imminent peril of such as haue occasion to passe that way, and to the great hinderance and impouerishing of the sayde Towne, and of the Countrey thereabouts adioyning thereunto: And forasmuch as the like mischieles, missortunes and dangers would bee hereafter preuented, if a conuenient Bridge were there, at Wilton aforesayd, made, erected and builded ouer the same Riuer, and for that the most part of the inhabitants of the sayde Countie of Hereforde, with such assistance as they can procure from other Countreys, for the auoyding of the mischieles, dangers and inconueniences aforesaid, are very willing to take vpon them the erecting and building thereof, which is a very charitable and good worke,

Bee it therefore enacted and established by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Comons in this present Parliament assembled, & by the authority of the same, that a conuenient Bridge of Stone or Timber, or both shall bee made, set vp, erected and builded at Wilton aforesaid, ouer the saide Riuer of Wie, by the inhabitants of the said Countie of Hereforde, in such place there, as by the Iustices of Peace of the said Countie of Hereford, or by any three of them, whereof one to be of the Quorum, to bee nominated by the Iustices of Peace of the said County, or the more part of them in their generall quarter sessions, after the end of this Session of Parliament to be holden, shalbe appointed: And to the intent that ouerlong delay may not bee vsed in setting forwardes and effecting of so necessary and so charitable a worke, and also that competent summes of money may be collected and leuied for the defraying of the charges thereof: And also that the inhabitants of the sayd Countie of Hereford may haue all conuenient assistance in that behalfe: Be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that the same Bridge shall bee wholly made, erected, builded and finished within the space of seuen yeeres next after the ende, dissolution or prorogation of this present Parliament, vpon paine of forfeiture of one hundred poundes, for euery yeere after the ende of the sayde seuen yeeres, that the sayde worke or Bridge shall happen to bee vnfinished, and vnperformed: The one moitie

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whereof to be payde to the Queenes Maiestie, her heires or successours by the inhabitants of the said County of Hereford, and the other moitie therof to him or them that will sue for the same in any of the Queenes Maiesties Courtes of Recorde, by Action of debt, bill, plaint, or information, wherein no Essoine, Protection, or wager of Lawe shall be admitted or allowed. And for the speedy leuying of all such summes of money as shall bee necessary or requisite in this behalfe: Bee it heereby likewise enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that the Justices of Peace of the saide Countie of Herefords, or any foure, three, or two of them, whereof one to bee of the Quorum, out of the liberties of the Citie of Hereforde, in their seuerall diuisions to bee nominated or agreed on by the Justices of Peace of the said Countie, or the more part of them, in their generall quarter Sessions, shall hereby haue full power and authoritie at all times hereafter, and from time to time as often as neede shall require, vntill the saide Bridge shall bee fully made, erected and builded, to rate, taxe and assesse the sayd Countie of Hereforde, with the seuerall Hundreds, and euery Towne corporate, Parish, Village, and Hamlet, within the same (other then the sayde Citie of Hereforde) and euery Inhabitant and dweller within euery or any of the sayde Hundreds, Townes corporate, Villages and Hamlets (other then the sayde Citie) to such reasonable summe and summes of money, as to them the sayde Justices so nominated as aforesaide, shall bee thought fit and conuenient. And that the Justices of Peace of the sayde Countie of Hereforde, or the more part of them, at their quarter Sessions shall at all and euery time and times hereafter haue full power and authoritie by this present Acte, to nominate and appoint such person and persons as they shall thinke fit, to collect and gather the sayde seuerall summes, and that such person and persons as the sayde Justices so shall appoint for the gathering and leuying thereof, shall haue hereby full power and authoritie by way of distresse, vpon denniall, refusall, or non payment, to leuy the same, and to make sale of such distresses, according to the Statute, Intituled, An Acte concerning repairing and amending of Bridges in High wayes, made at the Parliament holden by prorogation at Westminster the sixteenth day of Januarie, in the two and twentieth yeere of the reigne of our late dread Soueraigne Lorde, King Henry the eight, and the same money so to be leuied, to bee deliuered ouer, and paid to the sayde Justices of Peace, or to any two of them, whereof one to bee of the Quorum, the same two Justices to bee nominated by the Justices of Peace of the said County, in their generall quarter Sessions, or to such person or persons, as the

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said two Justices so nominated shall appoint, who shall imploy the same with as much speede as may bee for the purpose aforesaid: And if any person or persons within the said County of Hereford, who shall be taxed or rated to pay any summe or summes of money in fourme aforesaid, doe refuse the payment thereof, or otherwise withstand their willes, Or if any other that shall be charged, to take, rate, gather, leuie, or payer any the moneys aforesaid, shall refuse, withstand, denye or impugne, to accomplish the order or commandement of the saide Justices of the said County of Hereford, or any two of them, whereof one to be of the Quorum in that behalfe, then euery such person and persons shall bee imprisoned without baile or mainprise, by the discretion of the said Justices or any two of them, whereof one to be of the Quorum, vntill such time as they and euery of them so offending, shall be conformable to performe and abide the order of the said Justices or any two of them, whereof one to be of the Quorum for their said offences.

And moreouer, Be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that if the saide Justices, or any one of them, within their seuerall limits, hauing receiued any summe or summes of money aforesaide, towardes the erecting and making of the saide Bridge, doe deteine the same or any part thereof in his or their handes, or doe not imploy the same with all conuenient speede as aforesayde, but shall vse it to his or their owne priuate profites, commodities, or behooues, to the hinderance of the sayde worke, that then euery such Justice of the peace so offending for euery such default, shall forfeite and lose the summe of one hundred pounds, One moitie whereof shall bee imployed towarde the building and repairing of the saide Bridge, And the other moitie to him, or them that will sue for the same, in any of the Queenes Maiesties Courtes of Record, by Action of debt, bill, plaint, or Information, wherein no essoyne, protection, or wager of Law shalbe admitted or allowed. And for the better assistance of the said Inhabitants of the said Countie of Hereford, to defray the charges of the said worke:

Be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that it shall and may bee lawfull to, and for all and euery such person and persons of the said Countie of Hereford, as by the saide Justices of the saide Countie, or the more part of them in their generall quarter Sessions, shall be nominated or appointed, to aske, receiue and take, of any of the Queenes Maiesties subiects within the principalitie of Wales, and the Marches of the same, all such summe and summes of money as they or any of them without compulsion, will willingly giue towardes the building and erecting of the saide Bridge, The same summe and summes of money to bee

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payd ouer by the sayd person or persons so by the sayd Justices to be appointed as aforesayde, and to be imployed as aforesayd, towardes the sayd worke vpon such paines and penalties as before hereby is limited: And whereas Charles Bridges Esquire is Owner of the Lordship or Manour of Wilton aforesayd, and by reason thereof (although at all times, when the sayd riuer riseth not with landflood, all men may and doe freely passe thorow the sayd Riuer, being an High or Port way, at their wils and pleasures, yet he the sayde Charles hath an yeerely rent of such persons as by his demise do keepe the Boates vpon the sayd passage, and also is Owner of the Soyle, where the fittest place to fasten, make and erect the same Bridge is thought to be) which yeerely rent, or profite, now the sayd Charles Bridges shall lose, by reason of the sayde Bridge: And forasmuch as the erecting and building of the same Bridge, shall or may stand to small purpose, if prouision for repairing and maintaining thereof from time to time, and as often as neede shall require, be not had and duely considered of:

Be it therefore enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that from and after the time of the making and finishing of the sayd bridge, from time to time, and at all times for euer then after, Pontage shall be payed, leuied and taken, at the sayd Bridge in maner and fourme following and not otherwise, videlicet, euery person or persons that shall driue any Waine, Carre, or Cart loaden ouer the said Bridge, shall pay for euery such Waine, Carre, or Cart so by him or them to bee driuen ouer the same Bridge, two pence, and euery one that shall leade or driue any horse or horses loaden with any packe, or any sheepe or other beasts of what kind soeuer ouer the saide Bridge, shall pay for euery such horse and packe, one penie, and for euery tenne sheepe or vpwards to the number of twentie, two pence, and for twentie sheepe three pence, and for euery fiue beastes of all other kinde to the number of twentie, two pence, and for euery twentie beastes fiue pence, and so proportionably for all horses and packs, Waines, Carres, Carts loaden, Sheepe and other cattell according to the same rate, which Pontage shall bee collected and gathered yeerely as followeth, videlicet, That two such sufficient Burgesses, of the saide Towne of Rosse, with two such sufficient Freeholders of the saide Countie of Hereford, as shall bee yeerely elected and nominated by the Justices of Peace of the saide Countie of Hereford, or the more part of them, and by the Stewarde of the said Towne of Rosse for the time being, or his Deputie, at the generall Sessions of the Peace, to be yeerely holden for the sayd Countie of Herefordе, next after the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, to bee Collectors of the same Pontage, and the

deputie, and deputies of the same two Burgesses, and two Freeholders as aforesaid, and euery one or moe of them, shall haue full power and authoritie hereby from the time of the same election, for one whole yeere then next following, and so vntill two other Burgesses, and two other Freeholders shall bee elected and chosen to the same office of Collectors in forme aforesaide, to collect, gather, and receiue the saide Pontage at the saide Bridge, after the rate aforesaid. And if any shall denie, refuse or impugne the payment thereof, then that it shall and may be lawfull to and for the saide Collectors, and to and for euery or any of them, and the Deputie and deputies of them, and of euery of them for the time being, to take such Oxen, horses, sheepe and other cattell, or as much of them as they shall thinke fit, as any person or persons so denying, refusing, or impugning to pay, shall driue or leade, or offer to driue or leade ouer the saide Bridge, into the custodie of them the saide Collectours, or their Deputies, as aforesaide, and the same to deteine and keepe as a distresse in common Pound, vntill the same Pontage after the rate aforesayde, shall be fully satisfied and payed, And that they the sayde Collectours so as aforesaide, to bee yeerely elected and chosen, shall out of the issues and profites of the same Pontage, pay yeerely to the sayde Charles Bridges, his heires and assignes, the summe of tenne poundes of lawfull money of England, at the feast of Saint Michael the Archangell for euer, which sayde summe of ten pounds, he the sayd Charles Bridges, his heires and assignes, shall and may sue for, haue and recouer against the said Collectours for their time, or the suruiuor or suruiuors of them, if any of them happen to die, or against the heires, executours or administrators of them, or of any of them, in any of her Maiesties Courts of Record, by action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no essoine, protection, or wager of Law shalbe admitted or allowed. And moreouer, they the sayd Collectours and their deputies, shall yeerely from time to time for euer hereafter, at such time or times, as they or any of them shall be thereunto required, at or after the end of one yeere next after their said election, by the sayd Justices of Peace, and by the steward of the said Towne or Borough of Rolle for the time being, or his deputie, or by any two of them, whereof one of the said Justices to be one, as aforesaid, before the sayde Justices, or before one or more of them, to be nominated by the Justices of the said County in their quarter Sessions, and before the Steward or his deputie, make and yeelde vp a true and perfect accompt vpon their othes, of all the issues and profits of the Pontage of the sayde Bridge, for the time of the saide accomptants: vpon which accompt the saide summe of ten poundes to be yeerely payde to the said Charles Bridges, his

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heires and assignes shalbe allowed to the said accomptants. And all such summe and summes of money as the sayd accomptants shall disburse, in or about the reparations of the sayde Bridge, and the Cawseys thereunto adioyning, or in and about the reparations of any other Bridges or Cawseys in the sayd County of Heref. by warrant from the sayde Justices, at their quarter Sessions, or in, or about any of them, and reasonable allowance to the same accomptants for them and their Deputies for their trauailes and paines, in collection of the same Pontage, and twentie shillings yeerely to be payde to the Steward of the sayd Towne or Borough, or his Deputie for the time being, for his paynes in hearing and determining of the same accompt, shall be to them allowed vpon their said accompt. And further vpon the determination of euery such accompt, the said accomptants shall pay ouer all such summe and summes of money, as shall bee thereupon found to remaine in the handes of the sayde accomptants of the same their collection, to the new Collectors for the time being, to remaine in their hands as a stocke, towards the reparation of the said Bridge and Cawley, and of any other Bridge or Cawley in the sayd Countie of Heref. to be disbursed and imployed according to the order of the sayd Justices, in their quarter Sessions. And if any person or persons which shall bee elected by the sayde Justices and Steward, or his deputie, to be Collector or Collectors as aforesaide, refuse to take vpon him or them the same office, or being Collector or Collectors, shall misdemeane him or themselues in the sayde office, or being called to accompt as aforesayde, shall refuse to yeelde the same, or accompting as aforesayde, shall misdemeane him or themselues in the same accompt, or shal refuse to pay, or not pay all such summe and summes of money, vpon the determination of the same accompt, as shall fall out vpon the same accompt, to remaine in the custodie of the said accomptants, vpon euery such accompt as aforesaid:

Be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that then and so often it shall be lawfull hereby to the sayde Justices of peace of the sayde Countie in their quarter Sessions, or the most part of them, to imprison euery such Collector or Collectors, and their Deputies, and euery or any of them, so refusing, misdemeaning themselues, not accompting, or not paying, without Bayle or mainprise, vntill he or they so offending, shall performe the order of the sayd Justices. And also that euery such Collector and Collectors, and their Deputies, and euery of them so offending, shall forfeite and lose for euery such contempt and offence, the summe of fiue poundes of lawfull money of Englande, to bee imployed to the vse of the sayde Bridge, to bee built as afore-

ſaid, and to bee leuied by the other Collectors ſucceeding, by diſtreſſe and ſale thereof, if the ſaide ſumme of fiue poundes bee not payde within foure dayes next after the taking of the ſayde diſtreſſe.

Prouided neuertheleſſe, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforeſaid, that all and euery perſon and perſons, owners or occupiers of any Lands or Tenements in the ſaid Countie of Hereford which doe yeerely pay any Corne, Graine or other profite in certaintie, in reſpect of the ſame Lands or Tenements to the keeper of the ſaid paſſage, for their paſſage ouer the ſame Riuer, & their heires and aſſignes of the ſame Lands and Tenements, ſhall be free and diſcharged of payment of the Pontage aforeſayde: So alwayes as they, and euery of them, ſhall yeerely pay to the ſayd Collectors for the time being, to be accompted for, and imployed as aforeſaid, ſuch and ſo much Corne and Graine, and other profits as vſually haue bene payd to the keepers of the ſaide paſſage, by the occupiers of the ſaid Lands and Tenements, in reſpect of the ſame Lands or Tenements. For which Corne and Graine, and other profits ſo yeerely to be payd or receiued by the ſaid Collectors, the ſaid Collectors, and euery of them for their time, ſhall duely accompt, as aforeſaid, in forme aforeſaide, vpon the paines and penalties aforeſaid.

An Act for the enlarging of the ſtatute made for following Huye and Crye *in the xxvij. yeere of your Maieſties reigne, in ſome* ſort to relieue the Inhabitants of the ſmall Hundred of Beynerſhe, *alias* Benherſt, in caſes where they are in no voluntary default, and yet are or ſhall be charged by the ſame Statute, and by the two ancient Statutes, the one made the xiij. yeere of King Edward the firſt, the other in the xxviij yere of King Edward the third, for repreſſing of Robberies.

The xxv. Chapter.

IN moſt humble wiſe beſeecheth your moſt excellent Maieſtie, the poore Inhabitantes of the Hundred of Beynerſhe, alias Benhurſt within the Countie of Berk. That whereas the ſayd Hundred doeth conſiſt onely of fiue ſmall Villages, and three ſmall Quillets or Hamlets, and hath lying through it two great Roade high wayes, the one leading from London to Henley vpon Thames, the other from London to Reading, and either of them at the leaſt three miles in length, within the great Wooddie ground called the Thicket, And no one of the ſame Villages ſtandeth vpon, or adioyning to either of the ſame wayes, but lie diſperſedly farre from the ſame, Neither haue the Inhabitantes of the ſame Hundred any open or common fields, either arable or other, adioyning or lying neere to ſuch partes of the ſame wayes (within the ſayd Thicket) as are moſt apt for Robberies to bee done, whereby they may haue their ſeruants or workemen labouring within the view of the ſame wayes, to take notice of the Robberies done, and therefore the ſayd Inhabitants cannot well haue any ſpeedie notice or intelligence of any Robberie which ſhall be there committed, vnleſſe the partie or parties robbed, ſhould

thould giue the ſame vnto them, And the ſeuerall lengths and maner of the lying of the ſame wayes are ſuch, as al the able men of the ſame ſmall Hundred, cannot ſo watch the ſame ſeuerall wayes, as that thereby robberies may be preuented, And whereas alſo, notice of ſuch robberies, as haue bene of late yeeres done there, hath bene (for the moſt part) giuen by the partie robbed, at the Towne of Maidenhead, which is out of that Hundred, and three miles diſtant from the aforeſayd theeuiſh places in the thicket, where the robberies are moſt vſually done, And yet vpon ſuch notice of robberies giuen at Maidenhead aforeſayd, (being out of the Hundred) there hath bene lately (within one yere) the ſumme of xii. ſcore and fifteene pound recouered vpon the aforeſayd Statutes againſt the ſame ſmall Hundred of Beynerth alias Benherſt, which had no notice of the ſame Robberies, whereby many of the poore inhabitants thereof, haue bene, and are vtterly impouerished, to the vtter ruine and ouerthrow of them, their wiues and children, and many other the like extremities may (by the aforeſayd Statutes) fall vpon them, though it lieth not in their power (as well for want of notice as otherwiſe) to performe the ſame Statutes, So as the Inhabitants thereof are like to be generally impouerished, or inforced to remoue their dwellings into ſome other Hundred, without ſome reliefe ſhall be for them in that behalfe prouided, That it may be Inacted by the authoritie of this preſent Parliament, that the Inhabitants of the ſayd Hundred of Beynerth alias Benherſt, ſhal and may to their owne proper vſe in the name of the Clerke of the Peace of the ſayd Countie of Berk. recouer, haue, and leuie all ſuch ſummes of money, coſtes and damages, as hereafter ſhall be recouered or leuied, of, or againſt them, by the aforeſaid ſtatutes or any of them, againſt the Inhabitants or reſiants of euery or any ſuch Hundred, with the Franchiſes within the precincts thereof, wherein negligence, fault, or defect of ſuch purſuit and freſh ſuit (as by the ſaid Statute of the xxbii. yere of your Maieſties reigne is appointed to be made) ſhall happen to be, after notice giuen, or Huy and Cry brought to the ſame Inhabitants or reſiants or any of them, of or vpon any Robberie, which ſhall be at any time hereafter done, within the ſayd Hundred of Beynerth alias Benherſt, And that this preſent Acte ſhall giue as full power and authoritie in all reſpects, to the Inhabitants of the ſayd Hundred of Beynerth alias Benherſt, (in the name of the Clerke of the Peace of the ſayd Countie) for recouerie, hauing, and leuying of all the ſaid money, coſtes, and damages, as aforeſayd, as the aforeſayd Statute of the xxbii. yeere of your Maieſties Reigne, gaue or intended to giue for the recouerie of a moitie, or one halfe thereof.

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Prouided alwayes, and it is enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that no such remedie or recouerie shall be had, by this Statute, for all, or the whole summe or summes of money, and damages as aforesayd, But onely in these two cases, viz. The one, where no such notice or intelligence (as by the sayde Statute of the xxvii. yeere of your Maiesties Reigne was appointed, to bee giuen of euery or any Robberie) shall bee giuen to the inhabitants of the said Hundred of Beynerth alias Benherst, The other, where the Inhabitants of the same Hundred (after such notice of any Robbery to them, or some of them giuen, or after Huy and Cry for the same to them brought) shall make, or cause to bee made fresh suite, and pursute, after the Offenders, with horsemen and footemen, according to the saide Statute of the xxvii. yeere of your Maiesties Reigne, And where neuertheless the Offenders, or any, or one of them, shall not be apprehended within fourtie dayes after the Robbery committed.

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God saue the Queene.

Anno xl. Reginæ Elizabethæ.

An acte for confirmation of the Subsidies granted by the Clergie.

WHere the Prelates and Clergie of the Prouince of Canterburie, haue for certaine considerations, louingly and liberally giuen and graunted to the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, three subsidies of foure shillings in the pound, to be taken and leuied of all and singular their promotions spirituall within the same Prouince, at such dayes and times, and in such certaine maner and forme, and with such exceptions and prouisions, as be specified and declared in a certaine Instrument by them thereof made and deliuered to the Queenes Highnes, vnder the Seale of the most Reuerend Father in God, John, now Archbishop of Canterburie, and Primate of all England, which Instrument is now exhibited in this present Parliament to be ratified and confirmed: The tenour whereof ensueth in these words.

ILlustrissimæ & serenissimæ in Christo Principi, & Dominæ nostræ clementissimæ, Dominæ Elizabethæ, Dei gratia Angliæ, Franciæ & Hiberniæ Reginæ, fidei defensori, &c. Iohannes diuina prouidentia Cantuariensis Archiepiscopus, totius Angliæ Primas & Metropolitanus, omnimodam obedientiam & subiectionem, ac fœlicitatem, & salutem in eo per quem Reges regnant, & Principes dominantur. Vestræ serenissimæ Regiæ sublimitati per præsens publicum Instrumentum, siue has literas nostras testimoniales significamus & notum facimus, quod Prælati & Clerus nostræ Cantuariensis prouinciæ, in sacra Synodo prouinciali siue conuocatione, vigore & authoritate Breuis Regij vestri in ea parte nobis directi, in domo capitulari Ecclesiæ vestræ Cathedralis sancti Pauli London. vicesimo quinto die mensis Octobris, Anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo nonagesimo septimo iam currente, inchoata & celebrata, ac de die in diem & loco in locum vsque ad & in tricesimum diem præsentis mensis Nouembris continuata & prorogata in

Anno xl.

Eccleſia Collegiata diui Petri Weſtm. legitimè congregati pro quibuſdam magnis, arduis & vrgentibus cauſis per nos eis propoſitis, ac inter eos matura deliberatione ponderatis, pro defenſione regnorum & dominiorum veſtrorum, nec non & pro eorum erga veſtram Regiam ſublimitatem officio, tria vltronea ac ſpontanea & voluntaria ſubſidia veſtræ Regiæ munificentiæ vnanimi eorum conſenſu & aſſenſu dederunt & conceſſerunt, prout tenore præſentis publici inſtrumenti (ſeriem conceſſionis huiuſmodi in ſe continentis) pleniùs liquet & apparet: humiliter & obnixè veſtræ Regiæ Maieſtati ſupplicantes, quatenus hæc eorum tria ſubſidia pro veſtra ſolita clementia benignè accipiatis, ac benè conſulere gratioſè dignemini. Tenor verò dictæ conceſſionis de verbo in verbum ſequitur, & eſt talis.

Moſt gracious and renowned Soueraigne, your Maieſties moſt bounden ſubiects the Prelates and Clergie of the Prouince of Canterbury called together by your Highneſſe authoritie, and now lawfully aſſembled in a conuocation or Synode, bearing in minde the great and many bleſſings of God, which they and the reſt of your people haue long enioyed, and ſtill doe, by meanes of your moſt godly and happie gouernment, your princely protection of trueth, publique preſeruation of Iuſtice, carefull circumſpection for peace, and naturall inclination to mercie; And finding no other way to make knowen to your Maieſtie their thankeful and dutifull remembrance of your moſt wiſe foreſight and tender care for the good of this whole Realme, but by their earneſt prayers to God for the long and ioyfull continuance of your moſt proſperous reigne, and heartie deſires by all poſſible meanes to preuent and withſtande whatſoeuer may hinder the aſſurance of your Royall eſtate, or endanger the ſafetie of your ſacred perſon, or diſturbe the quiet and tranquillitie of your kingdome; And perceiuing alſo by dayly experience that the more it pleaſeth God fauourably to defend the right of your Maieſties Scepter and height of your Throne from all the deſignements and attempts of ſpitefull and implacable enemies, they ſo much the more bend themſelues againſt God and your Highneſſe, to plat and practiſe the inuaſion of your land, the ſlaughter of your people, the conqueſt of your Realme, and the vtter deſtruction and ruine of your Royall perſon and State: For ſomuch as it cannot bee choſen, but that for the preuenting and withſtanding of thoſe your ſayde enemies malicious purpoſes, your Highnes both hath bene already and hereafter muſt needs be at ſoexceeding great and extraordinary charges, that the ſole reuenues of your Crowne, though they were farre greater then they are, cannot ſtill ſuffice for ſo many and waighty employments; Moſt humbly acknowledge it to be their bounden duties to God, your Maieſtie, & the whole Realme, according to the

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vttermoſt of their powers & abilities, and for the retayning of the Goſpel of Chriſt amongſt them, the preſeruation of your Maieſties bleſſed and moſt renowmed Regiment ouer them, the continuance of the long enioyed peace of this your Kingdome, & their owne and other your louing Subiects ſafetie and defence, to offer vnto your Highnes as a further teſtimonie and token of their good wills and vnfeigned affections, ſome ſuch aide and contribution toward the ſupportation of your Maieſties ſaid charges, as they are perſwaded the greatneſſe of the ſame moſt iuſtly may require.

In due conſideration whereof your ſaid Prelates and Cleargie, with one vniforme agreement, accorde, and conſent, haue giuen and granted, and by theſe preſents doe giue and graunt to your Highneſſe, your heires, and ſucceſſours, three whole and entire Subſidies in maner and forme following.

That is to ſay, That euery Archbiſhop, Biſhop, Deane, Archdeacon, Prouoſt, maſter of Colledge, Prebendary, Parſon, and Vicar, and euery other perſon and perſons, of whatſoeuer name and degree he or they be within the prouince of Canterburie, hauing and enioying any Spirituall promotion or other Temporall poſſeſſion to the ſame Spirituall promotion annexed, nowe not diuided or ſeparated by Act of Parliament or otherwiſe from the poſſeſſion of the Cleargie, ſhall pay to your Highneſſe, your heires and ſucceſſours, for euery pound that hee may yeerely diſpende by reaſon of the ſaide Spirituall promotion, the ſumme of foure ſhillings for euery of the ſaide three Subſidies. And for the true and certaine value of all the promotions and euery of them, whereof the payment of this Subſidie ſhalbe made, the Rate, Taxation, valuation, and eſtimation nowe remayning of Record in your Maieſties Court of Exchequer, for the payment of a perpetuall Diſme or Tenth graunted vnto your Maieſties moſt noble father, in the xxvi. yeere of his reigne, concerning ſuch promotions as nowe be in the poſſeſſion of the Cleargie, ſhall onely be followed and obſerued, without making any valuation, Rate, Taxation or eſtimation, other then in the ſaide Recorde is comprized.

Prouided alwayes, that foraſmuch as the tenth part of the ſaid Rate and valuation before mentioned, is yeerely payed to your Highneſſe for the ſaid perpetuall Diſme, ſo as there remaineth onely nine parts yeerely to the Incumbent cleare: Theſe three Subſidies of foure ſhillings the pound, ſhall be vnderſtanded and meant onely of euery full pound of the ſaid nine parts, and of no more.

Prouided alwayes, that no perſon that is or hereafter ſhall bee promoted to any Benefice or Spirituall promotion, and hath or

shall compound with your Maiestie, your heires or successours, for the first fruits of the same from the second day of October last past, viz. in the yeere of our Lord God 1597. according to the computation of the Church of England, and on this side the second day of October, which shalbe in the yeere of our Lord God 1600. according to the said computation, shalbe contributorie or charged for the same Benefice or promotion to your Highnesse, your heires or successours with any part of these Subsidies, during the first yeere after the time of any such compounding for his first fruits. And that no person that is already or shalbe hereafter promoted to any benefice or Spirituall promotion, and hath or shall compound with your Maiestie for the first fruits of the same, betweene the second day of the moneth of October, which was in the yeere of our Lord 1596. according to the computation of the Church of England, and the second day of October now last past, shall be contributorie or charged for the same promotion to your Highnesse, your heires and successors with the moitie or first paiment of this first Subsidie, in respect that the moitie or one halfe of his first fruits for the said promotion shal remaine answerable to your Maiestie, after the time that the first paiment of this first Subsidie shalbe due.

And your Prelates and Cleargie doe also graunt, that these three Subsidies of foure shillings of the full pound, of the nine parts of the yeerely value of euery Spirituall promotion aforesaid within the said prouince tared as is aforesaid, shalbe paide to your Maiestie, your heires and successors, in maner and forme following: That is to say, foure shillings of euery full pound only aforesaid, yerely vntil the same be paid. The first paiment of the first of these three Subsidies, to bee due at the nineteenth day of Februarie now next ensuing, which shalbe in the yere of our Lord one thousand fiue hundreth ninetie seuen: And the second payment of the same to be due at the second day of October, which shalbe in the yeere of our Lorde God, one thousand fiue hundreth ninetie eight then next and immediatly ensuing. And also the first payment of the second of these three Subsidies, to bee due at the nineteenth day of Februarie, which shalbe in the yeere of our Lord one thousand fiue hundred ninetie eight. And the seconde paiment of the same to be due at the second day of October, which shalbe in the yere of our Lord one thousand fiue hundred ninetie nine, then next & immediatly ensuing. And also the first paiment of the third of these three Subsidies to be due at the nineteenth day of Februarie, which shalbe in the yeere of our Lord God one Thousand fiue hundreth ninetie nine, & the second paiment of the same to be due at ỹ second day of October, which shalbe in the yeere of our Lord 1600. then next and immediately following to

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be deliuered and paied yeerely by such person and persons as in this present graunt shall bee appointed to haue the Collection thereof to the lord high Treasurer, or vnder Treasurer of England for the time being, or to such person or persons, and in such place or places as shall please your Highnesse so appoint to bee paied, the first paiment of euery of the said three Subsidies being due the nineteenth day of February, at, or before the last returne of Trinitie terme in euery of the sayd three yeeres. And the second paiment of euery of the said three Subsidies being due the second day of October, at, or before the last returne of Hillarie terme in euery of the said three yeeres, without paying any thing to the receiuer or to any other Officer or persons to bee assigned for the receipt thereof, for any acquittance or other discharge vpon any such paiment or receipt of the sayd Subsidies, or any part thereof, to bee giuen and deliuered but onely foure pence, and that to the Clerke for writing the same acquittances or discharge for euery of the same paiments.

Item, your Highnesse sayd Prelates and Clergie also do grant that euery Priest and all other Ecclesiasticall persons hauing any pension payable by your Maiestie, your Heires or Successors, by reason of the dissolution of the late Monasteries, Colledges, free Chappels, Chanteries, Fraternities, Guilds and Hospitals, or of any other Spirituall dignitie or Corporation now dissolued within the said Prouince of Canterburie, shall likewise pay to your Highnesse, your Heires and Successors, foure shillings of euery pound of the said pensions yeerely euery of the sayd three yeeres, at such daies and times as are before specified. And that for the sure paiment thereof, deduction and detention of the same shall be made yeerely in the hands of the paiers of the said pensions, after the rate and portion of foure shillings the pound, euery of the said three yeeres to be accounted for and answered to your Maiesties vse, by your Highnesse receiuers and officers deputed for the paiment of such pensions in their seuerall accounts, within the which allowance shall be giuen them for their paiment of euery such pensions liable to the seuerall paiments of the saide three Subsidies.

Item, your sayd Prelates and Clergie doe graunt, that euery Priest, Deacon or Minister, not chargeable by the former part of this Act, receiuing any Stipend for the exercising or executing of any part of Ecclesiastical function, or administration of ỹ word or Sacraments in any place, as wel exempt as not exempt, being no perpetuitie, after the rate of ten pounds or aboue, and vnder the summe of fifteene pounds by the yeere within the sayd Prouince, shall pay vnto the vse of your highnesse, your heires and successors yeerely, thirteene shillings and foure pence: That is to

say, six shillings and eight pence at every paiment til every of the said three yeres, at such times & to such persons as the said Subsidies shalbe so paied. And that every such Priest, Deacon or Minister, not chargeable as is aforesayd, & receiuing any stipend for the exercising or executing of any part of Ecclesiastical function, or administration of ỹ word or Sacraments, in any place, as wel exempt as not exempt, being in perpetuitie after the rate of xv. li. by the yere or aboue, within the said Province, shal pay vnto your highnesse, your heires & successors yeerely xx. shillings: That is to say, x. shillings at every payment in every of the said three yeeres, at such times, & to such persons as the said Subsidie shalbe paied, to be leuied in such sort as is hereafter specified for the Subsidies of the residue of the Clergie: And for default of paiment of ỹ sayd persons receiuing Stipends as is aforesaid, that euery Parson, Vicar, or other Spirituall or Temporall person, Proprietarie or Farmour, or any other hiring, entertaining, or paying any of the said Priests, Deacons or Ministers, to serue or administer in any place the word or Sacraments, as is aforesaid, shalbe answerable and charged, for, and with the paiment of the sayd seuerall summes of xx. shillings, and xiii. shillings & foure pence for ỹ said Priest, Deacon, or Minister, euery of the said three yeeres, & shall and may make retention of his and their stipend & wages quarterly of so much as ỹ said Priests, Deacons or Ministers be charged with by this present graunt, euery of the sayd three yeeres.

Item, your said Prelates and Clergie doe graunt that euery Archbishop, Bishop, and (the See being void) euery Deane and Chapter of that See boyd, and none other person or persons shall be Collectors of these Subsidies within their proper diocesse, during the said three yeeres, other then of the pensionaries aforesaid: and that the sayd Archbishop, Bishop, or (the See being void) the Deane and Chapter shall certifie into your Maiesties Court of Exchequer vnder their seales, the names and surnames of all such stipendarie Priestes, Deacons, and ministers within their Diocesse, as be chargeable by this Act, at, or before the seuerall returnes aforesayd, yeerely during the sayd three yeeres: and those stipendarie Priests, Deacons and Ministers onely shall be reputed and taken to be chargeable by this Acte, which shall bee in such sort certified, vnlesse within three yeeres next after such certificate exhibited, it shall be iustly prooued, that some are omitted, that ought therein to haue bene certified. And in this case, such and so many other stipendarie Priests, Deacons and Ministers shall be likewise accounted chargeable by this Act, as within the sayd three yeeres shall be so found to haue bene omitted.

And your said Prelates & Clergie do most humbly beseech your Maiestie ỹ it may be enacted by your Maiesty, & your high court

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of Parliament (for the speedy paiment of ꝑ sayd three Subsidies, & to auoyd delaies thereof) that when & as often as any Collector or Collectors chargeable w̄ the Collection of these Subsidies, or of any part of them, or their, or any of their vndercollector or vndercollectors, deputie or deputies of any of them, shal offer the paiment of thē, or of any part of thē to the vse of your Maiestie, your heires or successors, to any person or persons appointed to receiue the same by your Highnesse, or by the lord high Treasurer, ꝑ the said person or persons so appointed, shall within foure daies next after such appointment, receiue, or cause to be receiued the mony so offred, to be paied without any further delay, & deliuer one sufficient Bil, testifying ꝑ receipt thereof to the said Collector, or his vndercollector or Deputie vpon euery such particular paiment: And that euery such Auditor as is, or shalbe appointed to take or receiue ꝑ accoūt of any such Collector or Collectors, or their seueral vndercollectors or Deputies, shal within six dayes, next after request to him to be made, truly & indifferently take ꝑ said accoūt, & make allowance as by this grant is appointed, vpon pain that euery such person & persons appointed to receiue ꝑ same summe or summes of mony so offred, & euery such Auditor shal loose & forfeit for euery default or delay to be made to ꝑ Collector or Collectors, vndercollector or vndercollectors, Deputie or Deputies, so offring to make paimēt or account, as is aforesaid, the summe of ten pounds of lawful money of England, the one moitie thereof to be to your Maiestie, your heires & successors, & the other moitie to the said Collector or Collectors, vndercollector or vndercollectors, Deputie or deputies so grieued, ꝑ same to be paid vpon complaint to be made to the said lord Treasurer, vnder Treasurer, or to the lord chiefe Baron of your Maiesties court of Exchequer, who vpon such complaint shal presently examine the matter, and finding default, shal commit ꝑ offender to ward, there to remain vntill he shall haue paied the said seuerall summes so forfeited.

And for better leuying & recouering of these three Subsidies, your said Prelates and Clergy doe likewise most humbly beseech your Maiestie, that it may be enacted by your Maiesty, and your said high court of Parliament, in maner & forme following: (that is to say) that euery Collector of ꝑ said Subsidies, & of euery part & parcel of thē, & their lawful vndercollector or vndercollectors, deputie or deputies, may haue ful power & authority to vse al such waies & meanes & proceſſe, as be prescribed in the Act of perpetual Diſme for ꝑ collection & leuying therof, & may make account of ꝑ same before ꝑ lord high Treasurer or vnder Treasurer of Englād for the time being, or any other officer by your Highnesse or your court of Exchequer to bee appointed for the same, & in such place as your Ma. shal likewise assigne, in such wise & after such forme

onely as the ſayd Archbiſhop and Biſhops bee nowe charged to make account for the ſaid perpetuall Diſmes and Tenth: whereby is meant that the lache and default of payment, of, and for any Spirituall promotion or promotions, ſhall onely charge ſuch Incumbent or Incumbents, and ſuch others as be bound to pay the ſame. And that the Archbiſhop, Biſhop, and Deane and Chapter, gathering that which they can receiue, and making payment thereof, ſhall for the reſt not by them receiued, be diſcharged by their Certificate to bee made for the firſt payment, at, or before the laſt returne of Trinitie Terme, in euery of the ſayd three yeeres, and for the ſecond payment, at, or before the laſt returne in Hillarie Terme in euery of the ſayd three yeeres, vnto your Highneſſe Court of Exchequer, and that ſixe pence of euery pound where with the Collector ſhall be charged in his account clearely to bee paied into the receipt of your Maieſties Exchequer, or into ſuch other place as ſhall pleaſe your Highneſſe to appoint, ſhall bee allowed to the ſayd Collector vpon his account for the ſame in euery of the ſaid three yeeres for the charges of the ſayd Collection, portage, ſafe conueying and paying of the ſayd Subſidies.

And moreouer, that it may be enacted likewiſe, that after any payment of the ſayd Subſidie ſhall be once due by vertue of this graunt, in any one of the ſayd three yeeres, if any Incumbent of any Benefice, or promotion Spirituall charged to the payment of any of the ſayd Subſidies, being at any time after that the ſame payment ſhall be due, lawfully moniſhed, either perſonally, or at his Dignitie, ſtall, Church, or manſion houſe, by the Archbiſhop or Biſhop of the Diocelle, or his vndercollector, or vndercollectors, deputie or deputies, or the Deane and Chapter (the See being voyd) or by any of their vndercollector or vndercollectors, Deputie or Deputies, authorized in that behalfe, to appeare by himſelfe or his Deputie, at a certaine day and place of conuenient diſtance to the ſayd Incumbent then to bee ſignified and prefixed, and then & there to pay ſuch part of the ſayd Subſidies of his Benefice or promotion Spiritual, as then by vertue of this graunt ſhall be due, doe not either at the ſame day & place ſo to him ſignified and prefixed, truely content and pay, or cauſe to bee contented and paied the ſame part of the ſayd Subſidies, which then by him ſhall be due to be paied vnto the ſame Archbiſhop or Biſhop, or to his vndercollector or vndercollectors, Deputie or deputies, or to the Deane & Chapter of any See being voyd, or to their vndercollector or vndercollectors, deputie or deputies, or to one of them, ſhewing ſufficiēt deputation from the ſayd Archbiſhop, Biſhop, or Deane & Chapter, vnder his or their ſeale in that behalfe, being ready at the ſame day and place ſo ſignified

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and prefixed, to receiue any payment of the sayd Subsidies then due, and openly demaunding the same, or els pay the same within fiftie dayes next after any such prefixed day at the farthest (so that open demand be made of the said payment of the said Subsidies, in, and at the sayd place and day before prefixed) That then euery Incumbent so making default of payment of his part of the sayd Subsidies in any of the sayd three yeeres, after such default therof certified into your Maiesties Exchequer in writting, vnder the seale and hand writting of any Archbishop or Bishop, or the common seale of the Deane and Chapter, (the See being voyd) charged with the collection of the same Subsidies, so that the sayd certificate shall be made according to the forme hereafter expressed, and exhibited into your Maiesties said Court of Exchequer for the first payment, at, or before the last returne of Quintie Terme in euery of the said three yeeres: and for the second payment, at, or before the last returne in Hillarie Terme in euery of the said three yeeres, shall forfeite and loose vnto your Maiestie, your heires and Successors, all the profites which of that otiely dignitie, Benefice or promotion, for the which hee maketh such default of payment, and whereof such Certificate shall bee made, shal come, grow, and arise vnto him (ouer and aboue the charges of seruing the Cure) in one whole yere next after such Certificat made & deliuered vnto your Highnes court of Exchequer, & there admitted in case the same Incumbent shal so long liue: And that euery such certificate of any such default of payment shalbe made according to the tenor and effect ensuing (mutatis mutandis.)

Honorabilibus & egregijs viris Domino Thesaurario & Baronibus de Scaccario Illustissimæ Dominæ nostræ, Dominæ Elizabethæ, Dei gratia, Angliæ, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ Reginæ, fidei defensoris, &c.

Vester humilis I. permissione diuina L. Episcopus, authoritate & vigore cuiusdam actus parliamenti, annis regni dictæ dominæ Reginæ tricesimo nono, & quadragesimo editi & prouisi ad colligendū & leuandum Subsidia eidem dominæ Reginæ in eodem Parliamento per Prælatos & Clerum Cantuarien. prouinciæ concessa, viz. pro prima solutione primi Subsidij soluend. xix. die Februarij vltimo præterito infra Diocesim nostram L. deputatus & authorizatus, omnimodam reuerentiam tantis viris debitam cum honore: Vestris reuerentijs harum serie annuncio & certifico, me præfatum Episcopum modo quo præfertur deputat. & authorizat. sufficienter, & cum omni diligentia requisiuisse per N. O. Subcollectorem seu deputatum meum in hac parte, de quocunque beneficio & promotione ecclesiastica in quadam Schedula præsentibus & annexa specificatis, summas dicti Subsidij pro dictis beneficijs & promotionibus debitas pro prima solutione dicti Subsidij debiti & soluend. dicto xix. die Februarij vltimo præterito, prout in eadem Schedula præsentibus annex. plenius liquet & apparet. Sed dictas summas

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ex cauſis in eadem ſchedula allegatis recipere non potui. In cuius rei teſtimonium Sigillum meum præſentibus appoſui. Dat. die menſis Anno Dom.

The forme of which ſchedule aboue mentioned enſueth.

Ciuitas L. vel Decanatus de H. A. B. rector vel vicarius ibidem monitus fuit apud prædict. die vltimo præterito, per N.O. ſubcollectorem ſeu deputatum meum ad ſoluendum apud Eccleſiam de L. in Com. R. die prox. ſeq. illam partem Subſidij per ipſum debitam xix. die Februarij vltimo præterito pro promotione ſua prædicta: Sed prædictus A. B. nec apud Eccleſiam de L. prædictam eodem die nec alibi per quinquaginta dies poſtea ſummam per ipſum (vt præfertur) ſoluit vel ſatisfecit, neque dictam ſummam de proficuis dictæ promotionis, nec de bonis & catallis dicti A. B. aliquo modo leuare ſiue recipere potui.

Prouided alwayes that if any perſon or Incumbent chargeable by this Acte or graunt to any patment of theſe three Subſidies, ſhall proferre or tender payment of any ſumme due to the Archbiſhop or Biſhop, or to the Deane and Chapiter where the Sea is voyde, or to any vndercollector or vndercollectors, deputie, or deputies, of any Archbiſhop, Biſhop, or Deane, and Chapiter aforeſaid, at any time before the Certificat exhibited into the Exchequer as is aforeſaid, that then notwithſtanding the Certificat made as is aforeſaide againſt any ſuch perſon, the ſaide Incumbent or perſon againſt whom the Certificat was ſo made, ſhall and may auerre the offer or tender of his payment as is aforeſaide, and of the ſame ſhalbe tried, either by ſufficient witneſſes before the Lorde Treaſourer and Barons of the Exchequer, or by the triall of twelue men, vpon any iſſue thereupon to be ioyned betwixt the ſaide Incumbent, and any other perſon or perſons, that he or any for him, did offer or tender payment of the ſumme due as aforeſaid: That then euery ſuch Incumbent ſhal haue and enioy his promotion or promotions ſtill without forfeiture, or looſing to your Maieſtie your heires or ſucceſſors any the profits thereof, and as though no Certificat or default of ſuch payment had bene made or exhibited, any thing in this preſent graunt or Act to the contrary notwithſtanding.

And further that it may be enacted likewiſe, that euery Archbiſhop, and Biſhop, and Deane and Chapiter of euery Sea vacant, and other perſons chargeable to and with the collection of theſe Subſidies within the ſaide Prouince of Canterbury, ſhall and may haue vpon euery payment of the ſame Subſidies made to the Lorde high Treaſourer or vndertreaſourer of England for the time being, or to ſuch other perſon or perſons, in place and places, to whom and where it ſhall pleaſe your Highnes or your Court of Exchequer to appoint for the receipt thereof in euery of the

the ſaid three yeeres, a ſufficient acquittance, diſcharge, or Quietus eſt in writting of the ſaid Lord high Treaſurour or vndertreaſurour, or of ſuch other perſon or perſons as either your Highnes, or your ſaide Court of Exchequer ſhall aſſigne for the receipt thereof, or as heretofore in the like caſes it hath bene accuſtomed, the ſame acquittance, diſcharge, or Quietus eſt witneſſing the receipt of ſo much of the ſame ſumme of the ſaid Subſidies as ſhalbe ſo receiued; and euery ſuch acquittance, diſcharge, or Quietus eſt in writing, ſubſcribed with the name or names of the Lorde high Treaſurour, or vndertreaſuror for the time being, or of ſuch Auditor, or other perſon or perſons as it ſhall pleaſe your Highneſſe or your ſaide Court of Exchequer to appoint for the ſame receipts or of ſuch others as heretofore in like caſes it hath bene vſed, ſhall and may bee good and effectuall in the Lawe, and bee alſo as ſufficient a diſcharge to all and euery of the ſaide Collectours, to all ſuch intents conſtructions and purpoſes as if the ſame were made by Acte of Parliament; And that euery of the ſaide Collectours, ſhall pay but onely three ſhillings foure pence for euery generall and finall acquittance, diſcharge, or Quietus eſt for euery payment of the ſaide three Subſidies: And if any perſon ſo aſſigned ſhall refuſe, or delay to make ſuch a generall or finall acquittance, diſcharge, or Quietus eſt for any payment of the ſaide three Subſidies, or ſhall require and take for the ſame any more then three ſhillings foure pence: Or if any other Officer of the Exchequer ſhall require and take of any Collectour or Collectours, or of his or their vndercollectour or vndercollectours, deputie, or deputies, in reſpect of the Collection payment, or accompt of the ſaide Subſidies, or any part thereof, or for expedition, or for any other cauſe, or pretence whatſoeuer concerning the ſame any fees or ſummes of money, other then are before in this preſent Act expreſſly allowed vnto them, ſhal forfeit the ſumme of ten pounds of lawful money of England, to be paied and recouered in like maner and to the ſame vſes as is before limited and expreſſed in this ſtatute touching the like forfeitures of Receiuors and Auditors: And alſo that euery particuler acquittance, which vpon paiment of any part of the ſame Subſidies ſhalbe made by any Collector or Collectors of the ſame Subſidies, or of any paiment of them, or by his or their vndercollector or vndercollectors, deputie, or deputies, in that behalf, to any Incumbent of any benefice or promotiõ ſpiritual, or to any perſon or perſons contributorie & chargeable to & with the ſame ſubſidies, or any part or paiment of them, ſhalbe good & effectual in Law, & a full & ſufficient diſcharge to euery ſuch Incumbent & other perſon, & his benefice & promotion ſpiritual, of & for al ſuch ſumme & ſummes of money as by ẏ ſame acquittance ſhalbe acknowledged

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to be receiued in respect of the same Benefice or promotion Spirituall for any payment or any part of the same Subsidies: and that none acquitance of any other person or persons made before such Certificate, shall in any wise discharge any person or promotion for any part of his sayd Subsidies, nor of any paine, penaltie or forfaiture specified in this graunt. And to the intent it may be knowen to the Court of Exchequer, who be the vndercollector or vndercollectors, Deputie or Deputies, of euery such Archbishop, Bishop, or Deane and Chapiter authorized to receiue the same, and to make acquitance thereof, euery Archbishop and Bishop, and Deane and Chapiter of any See being voyd, shal yerely with the Certificates of the names of the Stipendarie Priests and Deacons, certifie the names of euery the vndercollector or Deputies to be appointed as is aforesayd.

Prouided alwayes, that no Collector of these Subsidies or of any part of them, shall vse any Processe or compulsorie means, or exact any fees or summes of money for the same, or otherwise, of any person for not paying the sayd Subsidies or any part thereof, at such certaine day and place as shall be by the Collector, or his vndercollector or deputie prefixed, in case the sayd person shall tender the same vnto the Collector or his vndercollector or deputie within twentie dayes next after such prefixed day. And that the sayd Collectors shall not by themselues or any others, take of any person for the receipt of any seueral paiment of the said Subsidies, and for his acquitance thereupon, any more then foure pence, by any colour or pretext whatsoeuer.

Prouided alwayes, that no Spirituall promotions, or any lands, possessions, or reuenues annexed to the same, being charged by this graunt of the Prouince of Canterbury, or any goods or chattels growing, being, or renewing vpon the same, or elsewhere appertaining to the Owners of the said Spirituall promotions, or to any of them, shall be charged or made contributorie to any Fifteene or Tenth, or any other Subsidie already granted to your Highnesse by the Laitie, or hereafter to be granted during the terme of the said three yeeres.

Prouided also, that all Deanes, Archdeacons, Dignities, Masters, Wardens, and Prebendaries of all Cathedrall and Collegiate Churches, and Colledges, or any of them within the sayd Prouince, shall be charged with these Subsidies for those possessions, reuenues, and promotions onely, which to their seueral promotions, dignities and roumes, are clearely and distinctly limited, and to their onely vse seuered, thereof to pay (the tenth part being deducted) for euery and each of the sayd three Subsidies, foure shillings of euery full pound, in maner and forme as is aboue rehearsed. And that all those rents, possessions, profits, portions,

tions, hereditaments and Spirituall promotions, and euery of them heretofore by your Highnes, or any your Maiesties noble Progenitors, or any other person or persons whatsoeuer, giuen, graunted, bequeathed, deuised, or imployted vnto the sayd Cathedrall or Collegiate Churches or Colledges, or to any of them, which any wayes be assigned, imployed or vsed, eyther for, or towards the yeerely maintenance of Readers of Diuinitie, Poore men, Schoolemasters, vshers, Grammarians, Petie canons, Conducts, Vicars chorall, Singingmen, Choristers, Virgers, Sextons, or of any other necessary, or dayly officers or Ministers in such Cathedrall or Collegiate Churches, or Colledges, or any of them, or for or towards the reedifying, or repairing of any of the same Cathedrall or Collegiate Churches or Colledges, shall not be charged with any part of these Subsidies: The certaintie of which portions as well chargeable to these Subsidies as not chargeable in this behalfe, the Archbishop, or Bishop of the diocesse, or (the See being voyd) the Deane and Chapiter, or any other to whom the same shall or may appertaine, vpon due search and examination shall certifie vnder his or their Seales, into your Highnesse said Court of Eschequer, at or before the seueral Returnes aforesaid in euery of the said three yeeres.

Prouided alwayes, that euery Parson, Vicar, or other spirituall person, paying any pension, whereof no allowance is made in the valuation of his promotion or benefice, shall and may retaine two shillings of euery pound of euery such pension for euery payment euery yere during the sayd three yeres, to his owne releefe, in consideration that he is charged to pay these three Subsidies of foure shillings the pound out of euery pound of the whole value of his promotion, any couenant, grant, or bond, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided also, and your sayd Prelates and Cleargie doe most humbly beseech your Highnesse, that it may be enacted by your Maiesties authoritie and your high Court of Parliament, that where certaine lands, tenements, rents, spirituall promotions, tithes, pensions, portions, fruits, and other hereditaments lately belonging to diuers Cathedrall Churches, and to other places and persons ecclesiasticall within the sayd Prouince of Canterbury, which were giuen and assigned to be bestowed and spent, in and on finding & maintaining of certaine Chanteries, Annuersaries, Obites, Lightes, Lampes, and other like charges, intents & purposes, of late came into the hands and possession of the late King of famous memorie, Edward the first, by the force of a statute thereof made in the first yeere of his reigne, as by the sayd statute more plainly appeareth: That the Cathedrall Churches

and the Bishops, Deanes, or Presidents, and Chapiters, and Prebendaries of the same, and all other places or persons Ecclesiasticall, or any of them to whome the saide Landes, Rents, and other the premisses, or any of them did lately appertaine, shall not during the saide three yeeres be charged to aud with any payment of Subsidie, of, and for that part and portion of Lands, Tenements, Rents, Spirituall promotions, and other Hereditaments, or any of them, whereunto the sayd late King by force of the said Statute was intituled or possessed of, nor of any yeerely Rents or payments going out of the sayde Cathedrall Churches, and other the places and persons Ecclesiasticall aforesaide: And that deduction and allowance thereof be made to them and euery of them accordingly, in and vpon euery payment of the sayd Subsidies, out of the whole value, taxation, and estimation made for the payment of the sayd perpetuall Tithe or Tenth, remaining of record in your Highnesse court of Exchequer, as aforesaid, for the rate & portion of Lands, Tenements, Rents, Spirituall promotions, and other Hereditaments, and those yerely payments whereunto the sayd late King was intituled or possessed of, or which since the making of the sayd Statute, by reason that they haue bene found as Lands, Tenements, Rents, Tithes, or other Hereditaments concealed from the sayd late King Edward the first, the late King Henry the eight, the late Queene Mary, or any of them, or from your Maiesty, or otherwise are severed from the possessions of the sayd Cathedrall Churches, and other places and persons aforesayd, or of any of them, by force of the Statute premised, or any otherwise.

Prouided also, that these three Subsidies graunted by the Clergie or any part of them, or any of them, shall not be demanded or leuied out of any Benefice, house of Students, or Colledge scituate or set within either of the Vniuersities of Cambridge or Oxford, or any Benefice, Lands, or other reuenues vnto the sayd Vniuersities, or either of them, or to any house of Students or Colledge in any of the same Vniuersities vnited, appropriated, or appertaining, or out of any Benefice, Lands or reuenues of the Colledge of Windsor, or of the Colledge of Westminster, being of her Maiesties foundation, or of the Colledge of Eaton nigh Windsour, or of the Colledge called Saint Maries Colledge by Winchester, founded by William Wickham, sometimes Bishop of Winchester, or of any Hospitals, Almes houses, or Grammer Schooles, or of any Church, Benefice, or other reuenues to the sayd Colledges, Hospitals, Almes houses, or Grammer Schooles, or to any of them annexed, appropriated,

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Prouided alwayes, that all Parsons, Vicars, and other Ecclesiasticall persons, whose Benefices are not aboue sixe pounds, thirteene shillings foure pence by the yeere, after the taration aforesayd, shall not be charged with these three Subsidies, or any part of the same.

Prouided also, that euery Vicar, whose Benefice is eight poundes or aboue, and not aboue tenne poundes by the yeere, after the taration aforesayde, shall pay euery yeere of the sayd three yeeres, onely thirteene shillings and foure pence, That is to say, sixe shillings and eight pence at euery payment, at such times, and to such persons, as is aforesaid, for his part of the sayd Subsidies, as Stipendarie Priestes bee charged to pay by force of this graunt, and not otherwise. And if it bee vnder eight pounds, he shall not be charged with any part of the said Subsidies.

Prouided also, that euery Priest, and all other Ecclesiasticall or late religious persons, hauing a pension by reason of the dissolution of the late Monasteries, Colledges, Free Chappels, Chanteries, Fraternities, Gutldes, and Hospitals, or any other incorporation within the Prouince of Canterburie, or any of them, and being of the summe of fiue poundes or vnder, and not aboue, shall not be charged or chargeable for any such pension, any thing contained in this grant to the contrary notwithstanding.

And for the sure and true paiment of these three Subsidies, graunted by your sayde Prelates and Cleargie of the Prouince of Canterburie, according to the tenor, purport, effect, and true meaning of this present graunt, your sayd Prelates and Cleargie most humbly desire your Highnesse that this their sayd gift, graunt, and Subsidies, and euery matter, summe of money, petition, clause, prouisions, and sentences in this Instrument conteined concerning the sayd Subsidies, may be ratified, established and confirmed by the authoritie of your Highnesse Court of Parliament.

Wherefore for the true and sure payment of the sayd Subsidies graunted by the sayd Prelates and Cleargie of the sayde Prouince of Caunterburie, according to the tenour, effect, and true meaning of the sayd Instrument: Be it enacted by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie with the assent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that the sayd gift, graunt, and euery matter, summe of money, petition, prouision, clause, and sentence in the

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ſame Inſtrument contained, ſhall ſtand, and bee ratified, eſtabliſhed, and confirmed by the authoritie of this preſent Parliament.

And further, be it enacted by the authoritie aforeſayd, that euery perſon that ſhall bee appointed to the collection and gathering of the ſayde Subſidies, ſhall haue full power and authoritie to leuie, take, and perceiue the ſayd Subſidies by the authoritie of the cenſures of the Church, That is to ſay, by ſuſpenſion, excommunication, or interdiction, and alſo by ſequeſtration of the fruites and profites of their Benefices and Promotions Spirituall, in whoſe handes ſoeuer they be, and to make ſale of the ſame fruites without daunger of the lawes of this Realme, or by diſtreſſe vpon the poſſeſſions of the Farmors, or occupiers of the Landes and Tenements chargeable by the ſayde Inſtrument, for, or to the payment of any ſumme or ſummes of money to bee due by force thereof, or otherwiſe by the diſcretion of the Collectour thereof. And that no Repleuie, Prohibition, or Superſedeas, ſhall bee allowed or obeyed for any perſons making default of the payment of the ſaid Subſidies, or any of them, contrary to the tenour of the graunt thereof, vntill ſuch time as they haue truely ſatiſfied and contented all ſuch part and portions as to them in that behalfe appertaineth. And that euery ſuch Farmour and Farmours, their Executours and Aſſignes, that ſhall fortune hereafter to bee charged, to, or with the payment of the ſaid Subſidies, or any part thereof, ſhall by the authoritie aforeſayd, bee allowed, and retaine in his handes as much of his yeerely rent and Farme, as the ſumme which hee ſhall fortune to pay for his Lord or Leaſour ſhall extend vnto, except that the ſaid Farmour or Farmours their Executours or Aſſignes, by the leaſe and graunt that they haue of any part of the Landes, Tithes, Profites, Tenements, chargeable to the ſayde Subſidies, or by force of any Couenaunt or Article therein contained, bee bound and charged to pay the ſame, and thereof to diſcharge the Leaſour and Landlord, during the terme mentioned in the ſayd leaſe.

And likewiſe, bee it enacted by the authoritie of this preſent Parliament, that whereas diuers Curates liable to theſe Subſidies, being oftentimes remooueable, doe ſerue as well in diuers Impropriations belonging to the Queenes Maieſtie, as in other Spirituall promotions belonging to other perſons, that for the ſpeedie recouerie of the ſayd Subſidies, it may bee lawfull to the ſayd Collectour or Collectours of the ſayd Subſidies, their Deputie or Deputies, to leaue the ſayd

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Subsidies vpon the Farmour or Farmours, or Occupiers of all such Impropriations or Spirituall promotions, by all censures of the Church aforesayd, and euery of them, or by the way of distresse of Tithes of the sayd Impropriation or Impropriations and Spirituall promotions, or otherwise vpon the goods and chattels of the sayde Farmour, or Farmours and Occupiers: in which case no inhibition, prohibition, replevie, or other processe awarded to the contrary, shall bee obeyed, any Lawes, Statutes, Priuiledges, or Customes to the contrary hereof heretofore made, graunted, or vsed, or hereafter to bee made, graunted, or vsed to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding. And that it may bee lawfull to the Collectours and other Officers and Ministers of such Archdishoppe, Bishop, Deane, and Chapter, for non payment of the sayd Subsidies, after the same shall bee due in any of the sayde three yeeres, to prise and value the sayd distresse or distresses by two indifferent neighbours by him to bee chosen, and for the distresse and distresses so prised, to sell, and thereof to deteine so much money as shal amount to the summe payable to the Queenes Maiestie, with the reasonable charges also of the sayde Collectour sustetned in that behalfe, and the rest of the money made of the sayd distresse, to be deliuered and payed to the owner and occupier thereof.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that euery lay person hauing Spiritual promotion chargeable by this Act, and also hauing Temporall possessions, goods, chattels, and debts charged to the sayd Subsidies graunted in this Parliament by the Temporaltie, shalbe taxed, charged, and set for his sayd Spirituall promotions with the Clergie, and his Temporall possessions and chattels reall with the Temporaltie, and not otherwise, any thing before mentioned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesayd, that all and euery graunt and graunts of all and euery summe and summes of money graunted, or which hereafter shall be graunted to the Queenes Maiesty by the Clergie of the Prouince of Yorke, shal be of the same strength, force and effect in all things, as the sayd graunt made by the sayd Prouince of Canterbury, and shall be taxed, certified, collected, leuied, gathered, and payed, according to the tenour, forme, and effect of this present Act of Parliament, to all intents, constructions and purposes, in such maner and forme, as though it were specially, plainly, and particularly expressed and rehearsed in this present Act, by expresse wordes, termes, and sentences, in their seuerall natures and kindes.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie afore-
sayd, that all prouisions before rehearsed, conteined, or to be con-
tained in the sayd graunt of the Prelates and Clergie of the Pro-
uince of Canterburie, and the like of the same Prouisoes con-
tained in the said grant of the Prelates and Clergie of the
Prouince of Yorke, shall be good and effectuall, and
to be obserued and kept in euery point and ar-
ticle, according to the purport and true
meaning of the same.

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Anno xxxix. Reginæ *Elizabethæ.*

An Acte for the grant of three entire Subsidies, and sixe Fifteenes and Tenthes granted by the Temporaltie.

MOst Excellent and most Gratious Soueraigne, the sense and natural feeling of the singular and inestimable benefits which wee your Maiesties loiall and louing subiects, by the rare and particular prouidence of God, doe enioy vnder your most happy & politike gouernement (dayly multiplied vnto vs, beyond all example of former ages) ought in it selfe not onely to take from vs all dulnesse, or improuident securitie, but to increase more and more a vigilant iealousie of the interruption or disturbance of our present state and condition, wherein we feele so effectually the spirituall benefit of Gods true religion planted and possessed amongst vs, the restitution of the Imperiall Crowne of this Realme to the ancient iurisdictions and prehemінences, and the happy and inward peace so many yeeres continued, and ioyned both with clemency and iustice at home, as well in the moderate pressing, or rather in the benigne remitting of infinite pernalties of your lawes, as in tender and compassionate releeuing and restreining of all common grieuances and oppressions lighting vpon the people of this land, which is become sithence your Maiesties most happy dayes, both a port and hauen of refuge for distressed states & kingdoms, and a rocke and bulwarke of opposition against the tyrannies and ambitious attempts of mightie and vsurping potentates. This with many more vnspeakable benefits, are such as we can not but with all duetie and deuotion lift vp our hearts to God and your Maiestie in all thankesgiuing and acknowledgement, and also prostrate and cast downe our liues, substance, and seruices, and whatsoeuer we haue, to be imployed at your royall commandement. But when we enter into a serious and setled consideration of our present standing compared with the extreme fall and ruine threatened

tened vnto vs by the implacable malice and violent attempts of our mightie enemies, preparing & enterprising to make a bloody conquest of this your Maiesties noble Realme our natiue countrey, and vtterly to extinguish our name and nation, or to reduce the same vnder a miserable captiuitie and yoke of forreine seruitude, we doe then finde the lawe of nature and necessitie no lesse strong and forcible, then the bond of thankefulnesse and duetie to make vs thinke all too little that wee can yeelde and offer for our defence and preseruation. And lastly, when we doe beholde the rare and wonderfull felicitie wherewith it hath pleased almightie God to blesse from time to time your Maiesties most prudent and prouident counsels, and the executions of them in the breaking, disappointing, and diuerting of so many hostile attempts which haue beene still intended and offered against this Realme: And when we doe fall into the particular examination howe infinitely your Maiesties proper treasures haue beene exhausted, since we had any opportunitie in this sort to yeelde your Maiestie any actuall demonstration of our zeales and dueties, not onely by your Maiesties maintenance of extraordinarie armies in Ireland, to suppresse that vnnaturall rebellion kedde by the king of Spaine, & by continuance of assistance to the French king and the Low countreyes, but also by setting forth both royally and prouidently at sundry times your Maiesties Naule and armie to the Seas, euen in the times when all things were at highest prices, by which your Maiesties royall care and charge all such miseries as are inseparable from all forreine inuasions, haue bene deferred and diuerted from vs your louing Subiects, and with no small terrour and confusion reuerberated on their owne neckes, whilest wee at home haue enioyed all peace and tranquillity: And when we make further obseruation by that light which your most excellent Maiestie in a most gracious trust and confidence hath vouchsafed to giue vs, by letting vs not onely know how farre onward their most dangerous attempts against this kingdome had proceeded, But also hath imparted vnto vs, what to the vttermost of all his power and meanes is daylie laboured and contriued with all the Princes or States, whom hee can infect against this kingdome vpon false suggestions, thereby the easier to contriue our only ruine & destruction: We doe confesse (most gracious Soueraigne) that all these naturall and necessary considerations being duely wayed, haue deeply imprinted in our hearts both our owne imminent perill, your Maiesties infinite care and loue towardes vs (for whom nothing of your owne hath bene too deare) and made vs know and feele that no common nor ordinary remedies can be proportionable to these extraordinarie growing and swelling mischeifes,

chiefes, but that it is high time for vs to resolue that with all expedition possible this Realme must be throughly prouided of all things fit for maintenance of warre both by Sea and Land, aswel by increasing and repayring of your Maiesties royal Nauie, which is truely termed the walles of this Kingdom, and wherein dayly by new preparations the enemy doeth labour and striue if he could to exceede your Maiestie, As also to prouide further that your Maiesties Cofers may be in some measure better supplied against all sudden accidents, whereof though time must discouer the particuler mischiefes, yet due circumspection and foresight must onely secure vs from the perils. To the effecting whereof seeing so small likelyhoode doeth appeare of any helpe from forreine States or Princes, but that the burthen of the warres (besides the assisting of others) is like to be throwne still on your Maiestie: wee doe beseech your Maiestie (as a pledge of our internall zeales and duties to be further manifested hereafter by the hazard of our liues and fortunes at all times for your Maiesties seruice) to vouchsafe at this present the gracious acceptation of these Subsidies and Fifteenes, proceeding from most cheerefull and willing hearts. And because these our doings shall remaine in perpetuall Record to the viewe of all posterities hereafter, we doe most humbly beseech your most excellent Maiestie, that with your gratious fauour we may testifie and expresse that our intention is, that this which wee haue nowe done vpon so extraordinary and vrgent necessitie to so good and gratious a Princesse, be not drawne a president for the times to come, vnlesse it be vpon like vrgent occasion. And therefore we doe with all duetie and humble affections that heart can conceiue, or tongue can vtter, present to your sacred Maiestie three entire Subsidies and fiue Fifteenes and Tenthes towarde your Highnesse great charges for our defence. And we doe most humbly beseech your Maiestie, that it may be enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, in maner and forme following, that is to say, That your Maiestie shal haue fiue whole Fifteenes and Tenthes to be payed, taken and leuied of the moueable goods, chattels and other things vsuall to such Fifteenes and Tenthes to be contributory and chargeable within the Shires, Cities, Boroughes, Townes and other places of this your Maiesties Realme in maner and forme aforetime vsed (except the summe of thirtie fiue thousand pounds thereof fully to be deducted, That is to say, six thousand pounds of euery of the said whole Fifteenes and Tenthes in relieue, comfort and discharge of the poore Townes, Cities and Boroughes of this your said Realme wasted, desolate or destroyed, or ouer greatly impouerished, after such rate as was and hath afore this time bene had and made to

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euery Shire, and to be deuided in such maner and forme as heretofore for one whole Fifteene and Tenth hath beene had and deuided. And the saide sixe Fifteenes and Tenthes (the exception and deduction aforesaid thereupon had, deducted and allowed) to be payed in maner and forme following: That is to say, The first and second of the sayde sixe whole Fifteenes and Tenthes (except before excepted) to bee payde to your Highnesse in one entire payment in the receit of your Exchequer, on or before the foure and twentieth day of June next comming, which shall be in the yeere of our Lorde God, 1598. And the third and fourth of the sayde sixe whole Fifteenes and Tenthes (except before excepted) to be payed to your Highnesse in one entire payment in the sayd receit of your Exchequer, on or before the xxiiii. day of June, which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God one Thousand fiue hundred ninetie nine. And the fift and sixt of the said sixe whole Fifteenes and Tenthes (except before excepted) to bee payed to your Highnesse in one entire paiment in the said receipt of your Exchequer, on or before the xxiiii. day of June which shall bee in the yeere of our Lord God one thousand and sixe hundreth.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that the Knights elected and returned of, and for the Shires within this Realme for this present Parliament, Citizens of Cities, Burgesses of Boroughs and Townes, where Collectors haue bene vsed to be named and appointed for the Collection of any Fifteen and Tenth before this time granted, shall name and appoint before the tenth day of Aprill next comming, sufficient and able persons to be Collectors for the Collection of the said first and second of the said Fifteenes and Tenths. And also shall likewise name and appoint before the tenth day of Aprill, which shall bee in the yeere of our Lorde God one thousand fiue hundreth ninetie and nine, other sufficient and able persons to bee Collectors for the Collection of the said third and fourth of the saide Fifteenes and Tenths. And also shall likewise name and appoint before the tenth day of Aprill, which shall be in the yeere of our Lorde God one thousand and sixe hundred, other sufficient and able persons to be Collectors for the Collection of the said fift and sixt Fifteens and Tenths, in euery of the said Shires, Cities, Boroughs and Townes: The sayde persons so to bee named and appointed, to be Collectors for the Collection of the said first and second Fifteenes and Tenthes, and also of the said thirde and fourth Fifteenes and Tenthes, and also of the sayde fift and sixt Fifteenes and Tenthes, then hauing Lands, Tenements, and other Hereditaments in their owne right, of an estate of inheritance of the yeerely value of fortie pounds, or in goods worth foure hundreth pounds at the least, each of them after such rate and value,

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as he or they shall bee assessed and rated at in the Subsidie booke, if any such be in the said limites. And for want of such so assessed, that those shall bee appointed Collectors that then shall be rated and tared in the Subsidie booke in Landes or goods, neerest to the seuerall values aforesayd.

And also such person and persons so by them to be named and appointed for the Collection of the said sixe Fifteenes & Tenthes, shall be by them seuerally appointed and allotted into Hundreds, Rapes, Wapentakes, Cities, Boroughes and Townes.

And also the sayd persons so named and appointed for the Collection of the said seuerall Fifteenes and Tenthes, shall be seuerally charged and chargeable vpon his or their account or accounts in the Exchequer to be made, with all such summe or summes of mony, as the Hundreds, Rapes, Wapentakes, Cities, Boroughs and Townes where he or they shal so happen to be appointed, shall amount vnto, and of no more summe or summes. And vpon the paiment of such summes of money as hee or they shall be so charged with, shall be discharged, and haue his & their Quietus est, The not accompting or non paiment of any other his fellowes, or the insufficiencie of them, or any of them, notwithstanding. And the names and surnames of euery of the said Collectors, for the said first and second of the said Fifteens & Tenths, together with the places allotted to their Collection and charge, the said Knights, Citizens and Burgesses for the Shires, Cities and Boroughs whereunto they be allotted, named, and returned, shal certifie before the Queenes Maiestie in the Chancerie, before the tenth day of May next comming. And likewise the names and surnames of euery the said Collectors, so to be named and appointed for the Collection of the said third and fourth of the said Fifteenes and Tenthes, together with the places allotted to their Collection and charge, the sayde Knights, Citizens and Burgesses, shall likewise certifie into the sayd court of Chancerie before the tenth day of May, which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God, 1599. And likewise the names and surnames of euery of the sayd Collectors so to be made and appointed for the Collection of the sayd fift and sixt Fifteenes & Tenths, together with the places allotted to their Collection and charge, the sayd Knights, Citizens and Burgesses, shall likewise certifie into the sayd Court of Chancerie before the tenth day of May, which shal be in the yeere of our Lord God, 1600. according to the tenor of this Act. And if default of any such certifying be had or made in forme, as is aforesayd, Then the Lord Chancellor of England, or Keeper of the great Seale for the time being, shall immediatly after, name and appoint Collectors for the Collection of euery of the sayd Fifteenes and Tenths, in such like maner and forme, as

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the said Knights of the Shires, Citizens of Cities, and Burgesses of Burroughs, should haue done, and as aforetime hath benebled: The which sayd Collectors and euery of them so to be named and appointed, as is aforesayd, shall haue allowance vpon their accounts, for their fees, wages, and rewards, for the Collection of the said fifteens and Tenths, in as large maner & forme, as any Collector or Collectors of any Fifteene and Tenth, haue had at any season in time past. And that the Barons of the Queenes Exchequer for the time being, shal and may from time to time award such processe for speedy payment of the said seuerall fifteenes and Tenths, against the Collector or Collectors of the same, as by their discretions shall be thought conuenient.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that the said lord Chauncellor or Keeper of the great Seale for the time being, Knights of the Shires, Citizens of Cities, Burgesses of Boroughs, Townes and other places hauing authoritie by this present Acte to nominate the sayde Collectors, of, or for the Collection of the sayd seuerall Fifteenes and Tenthes, shall vpon their nomination and election had and made, take by authoritie of this present Parliament, sufficient recognizances or obligations of euery person so by them to be named, to be bound to the Queenes Maiestie in the double summe of the summe of their Collection, and to bee endorsed vpon such condition, That if the same Collector and Collectors of the sayde first and second of the sayd Fifteenes, and Tenthes: and likewise the Collector or Collectors of the said third and fourth of the said Fifteenes and Tenthes: and likewise the Collector or Collectors of the said fift and first Fifteenes and Tenthes, doe truely content and pay to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie in her receipt of her Exchequer, for the said first & second of ỳ said Fifteene & Tenths, at, or before the laide foure and twentie day of June next comming: and for the sayd third & fourth of the sayd Fifteenes and Tenthes, at, or before the sayde foure and twentie day of June, which shall be in the yeere of our Lorde God, 1599. and for the sayd fift and first Fifteenes and Tenth, at, or before the said foure and twentie day of June, which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God, 1600. so much of the laide summe of money allotted and appointed to his Collectiõ, as the same Collector shall haue Collected and gathered: and do likewise after the sayd foure & twentie day of June next comming, and the sayde foure and twentie day of June which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God, 1599. and the said foure and twentie day of June, which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God, 1600. content and pay to the Queenes Maiesties vse, at the same receipt of the Exchequer, ỳ residue of this Collection and Charge, within one moneth next after such

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time as hee shall haue gathered and collected the same residue, that then the sayd recognizance or obligation to be void, or els to stand in his full strength and power. Which Recognizances or Obligations so taken, the same Knights of the Shire, Citizens and Burgesses, and euery of them taking such Recognizance or Obligation, shall certifie and deliuer to the Lord Treasurer and Barons of the same Exchequer, before the sayd foure and twentie day of June next comming, and foure & twentie day of June, which shalbe in the yeere of our Lord God, 1599. and foure and twentie day of June, which shall be in the yere of our Lord God, 1600. vpon paine of forfeiture of tenne pounds to the Queenes Highnesse for euery Recognizance or Obligation so to bee taken and not certified: And that euery such Collector vpon requeſt to him made, shall make and knowledge the same Recognizance or Obligation accordingly, vpon paine of forfeiture of twentie pounds to the Queene for his refusall thereof: And that the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer for the time being, vpon payment of the sayd Collection at the dayes, shall cancell and deliuer the sayd Recognizance or Obligation to the sayd Collector or Collectors, without any other warrant, and without any fee or reward to be payed to any person for the same.

And furthermore, for the great and weightie considerations aforesayd, We the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons of this present Parliament assembled, doe by our like assent and authoritie of this Parliament, giue and grant to your Highnesse, our sayd Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, your Heires and Successors, three entire Subsidies to be rated, tared, leuied and payed at three seuerall payments, of euery person Spirituall & Temporall, of what estate or degree he or they be of, according to the tenor of this Acte, in manner and forme following, That is to say, as well that euery person borne within this Realme of England, Wales, or other the Queenes Dominions, as all and euery Fraternitie, Guild, Corporation, Mysterie, Brotherhood, and Commonaltie corporate doe not corporated within this realme of England, Wales, or other the Queenes dominions, being woorth three pounds, for euery pound as well in coine and the value of euery pound, [illegible] euery such person, Fraternitie, Guild, Corporation, [illegible] Brotherhood and Commonaltie Corporate or not Corporate [illegible] his or their owne, or any other to his or their vse: As [illegible] stocke of merchandize, all maner of Coine and Bullion, [illegible] plate, and of all other goods moueable, as well within [illegible] as without, and of all such summes of money as to [illegible] or shalbe owing, wherof he or they stand in bis or their [illegible] surely to be payed (except and out of the premisses [illegible]

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ſummes of money as he or they owe, in his or their conſciences intendeth truly to pay, and except alſo the apparell of euery ſuch perſon, their wiues & children, belonging to their owne bodies, ſatting iewels, gold, ſiluer, ſtone and pearle) ſhall pay to & for the ſaid firſt Subſidie, in one entire paiment, ii. s. and viii. d. of euery pound: and to and for the ſaid ſecond Subſidie in one entire paiment, ii. s. and viii. d. of euery pound: and to and for the ſaid third Subſidie in one entire paiment, ii. s. and viii. d. of euerie pound. And alſo euery Alien and Stranger borne out of the Queenes obeiſance, as well Denizen, as others inhabiting within this Realme, of euery pound that he or they ſhall haue in Come, and the value of euery pound in Plate, Come, Graine, Merchandiſe, Houſholde ſtuffe, or other goods, iewels, chattels moueable or vnmoueable, as is aforeſaid, as well within this Realme as without, and of all ſummes of money to him or them owing, whereof he or they truſt in his or their conſcience to be payed (except and out of the ſame premiſſes deducted, euery ſuch ſumme or ſummes of money which he or they do owe, and in his or their conſcience or conſciences intend truely to pay) ſhall pay to & for the ſaid firſt Subſidie, in one entire paiment, fiue ſhillings and foure pence of euery pound: and to & for the ſaid ſecond Subſidie in one entire paiment, fiue ſhillings & foure pence of euery pound: and to and for the ſaid third Subſidie in one entire paiment, fiue ſhillings and foure pence of euery pound. And alſo that euery Alien and Stranger borne out of the Queenes dominions being Denizen or not Denizen, not being contributorie to any the rates aforeſaid, and being of the age of ſeuen yeres or aboue, ſhall pay to and for the ſaid firſt Subſidie eight pence for euery Poll: and to & for the ſaid ſecond Subſidie eight pence for euery Poll: and to & for the ſaid third Subſidie, eight pence for euery Poll: and the Maſter, or he, or ſhe, with whom the ſayd Alien is, or ſhalbe abiding at the time of the taration or tarations therof, to be charged with the ſame for lacke of paiment thereof.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforeſayd, That euery perſon borne vnder the Queenes obeiſance and euery Corporation, Fraternitie, Guild, Myſterie, Brotherhood and Communalty, Corporate or not Corporate, for euery pound that euery of the ſame perſons, & euery Corporation, Fraternity, Guild, Myſterie, Brotherhood & Communalty, Corporate or not Corporate, or any other, to his or their vſe, hath in Fee ſimple, Fee taile, for terme of life, terme of yeres, by execution, wardſhip, or by copy of Court roll, of, & in any Honors, Caſtles, Manors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Seruices, Hereditaments, Annuities, Fees, Corrodies, or other yerely profits of the yeerely value of twentie ſhillings, as well within ancient demeſne & other places priuileged, as

as elſewhere, and ſo vpward, ſhall pay to and for the ſayd firſt Subſidie in one entire payment foure ſhillings, of, and for euery pound: and to and for the ſayd ſecond Subſidie, foure ſhillings, of, and for euery pound: and to and for the ſayd third Subſidie, foure ſhillings of, and for euery pound. And euery Alien, Denizen or not Denizen, borne out of the Queenes Maieſties obeiſance, in ſuch caſe, to pay to, and for the ſaid firſt Subſidie in one entire payment, eight ſhillings of euery pound: and to, and for the ſaid ſecond Subſidie in one entire payment, eight ſhillings of euery pound: and to, and for the ſayd third Subſidie, eight ſhillings of euery pound. And that all ſummes to bee preſented and chargeable by this Act, either for goods and debts, or either of them, or for Lands and Tenements, and other the premiſſes, as is in this caſe contained, ſhall bee at euery of the ſayd payments, ſet and tared after the rate and portion, according to the true meaning of this Act (Lands and Tenements chargeable to the Diſmes of the Cleargie, and yeerely wages due to ſeruaunts for their yeerely ſeruice, (other then the Queenes ſeruaunts taking yeerely wages of fiue pounds or aboue) onely excepted and foreprized) And that all Plate, Coyne, Jewels, goods, debts and chattels perſonals, and all Landes, Tenemens, and other the premiſſes as aforeſayd, being in the rule and cuſtodie of any perſon or perſons to the vſe of any Corporation, Fraternitie, Guild, Myſterie, Brotherhood, or any communaltie being corporate or not corporate, bee and ſhall bee rated, ſet and charged by reaſon of this Acte, at the value certified by the Preſenters of that certificate of euery pound in goods and debts as is aboueſayd, and for euery pound in Landes, Tenements, Annuities, Fees, Corrodies, and other yeerely profits as is aforeſayd. And the ſummes that are aboue rehearſed, ſet and tared, to be leuied and taken of them that ſhall haue ſuch goods in cuſtodie, or otherwiſe charged for Landes, as is before rehearſed. And the ſame perſon or perſons, and body corporate, by authoritie of this Acte, ſhall be diſcharged againſt him or them that ſhall or ought to haue the ſame at the time of the payment or deliuerie thereof, or at his otherwiſe departure from the cuſtodie or poſſeſſion of the ſame. Except and alwayes foreprized from the charge and aſſeſſement of theſe Subſidies, all Goods, Chattels, Jewels and ornaments of Churches or Chappels, which haue bene ordained and vſed in Churches or Chappels for the honour and ſeruice of Almightie God. And the payment of the ſayd firſt Subſidie ſhall be by authoritie aforeſayd, tared, ſeſſed and rated, according to this Acte, in euery Shire, Riding, Lathe, Wapentake, Rape, Citie, Borough, Towne, and euery other place within this Realme of England and Wales, and other the Queenes

Dominions before the firſt day of October next comming. And the paiment of the ſaid ſecond Subſidie ſhalbe by the authoritie aforeſayd, tared, ſeſſed and rated, before the firſt day of October, which ſhall be in the yeere of our Lord God, 1599. And the payment of the ſaid third Subſidie ſhall be by the authoritie aforeſayd, tared, aſſeſſed and rated, according to this Acte in euery Shire, Riding, Lath, Wapentake, Rape, Citie, Borough, Towne, and euery other place within this Realme of England and Wales, and other the Queenes Dominions, before the firſt day of October, which ſhalbe in the yere of our Lord God 1600. And the particular ſummes of euery Shire, Riding, Borough, Towne, or other places aforeſaid, with the particular names of ſuch as are or ſhall be chargeable for, and to the paiment of the ſayd firſt Subſidie, to be tared and ſet by the Commiſſioners to the ſame to bee limited, or two of them at the leaſt, with the names of the high Collectors, and in the ſame forme ſhall be certified into the Queenes Exchequer, before the firſt day of Nouember next comming. And the particular ſummes of euery Shire, Riding, Borough, Towne and other places aforeſayd with the particular names of ſuch as are chargeable for and to the payment of the ſayd ſecond Subſidie to be tared and ſet by Commiſſioners to the ſame to be limited, or two of them at the leaſt, with the names of the high Collectors, and in the ſame forme ſhall be certified into the Queenes Exchequer, before the firſt day of Nouember which ſhall bee in the yeere of our Lord God 1599. And the particular ſummes of euery Shire, Riding, Borough, Towne, and other places aforeſaid, with the particular names of ſuch as are chargeable, for, & to the paiment of the ſaid third Subſidie, to be tared and ſet by the Commiſſioners to the ſame to bee limited, or two of them at the leaſt, with the names of the high Collectors, and in the ſame forme ſhall be certified into the Queenes Exchequer, before ỹ firſt day of Nouember which ſhall be in the yeere of our Lord God, 1600. And the ſaid ſummes in forme aforeſayd, to bee tared to and for the payment of the ſaid firſt Subſidie, ſhalbe paied in one entire ſumme into the Queens receit of her Exchequer aforeſaid, to the vſe of our ſaid ſoueraigne Lady, at, or before the twelfth day of Februarie, which ſhall bee in the yeere of our Lord God, 1598. And the ſaid ſummes in maner & forme aforeſaid, to be tared for the payment of the ſayd ſecond Subſidie, ſhall bee paied in one entire ſumme into the receit aforeſayd, to the vſe aforeſayd, at, or before the twelfth day of Februarie, which ſhall be in the yeere of our Lord God 1599. And the ſayd ſummes in maner and forme aforeſaid, to be tared for the paiment of the ſayd third Subſidie, ſhalbe paid into the receit aforeſaid, to the vſe aforeſaid, at or before

fore the twelfth day of Februarie, which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God 1600. And the summes aboueſaid, of and for the ſayd Subſidies, ſhall be tared, ſet, aſſed and demaunded, taken, gathered, leuied and payed, to the vſe of our ſayd Souereigne Lady, her heires and ſucceſſours, in forme aboueſayd, aſwell within the Liberties, Franchiſes, Sanctuaries, ancient Demeſne, and other whatſoeuer places exempt or not exempt, as without, except ſuch Shires, places and perſons, as ſhall be foreprized, in and by this preſent Act, any grant, charter, preſcription, vſe or liberty, by reaſon of any Letters patents, or other priuiledge, preſcription, allowance of the ſame, or whatſoeuer other matter of diſcharge, heretofore to the contrary made, granted, vſed, or obtained notwithſtanding.

And it is further enacted by the authority of this preſent Parliament, that euery ſuch perſon, aſwell ſuch as be borne vnder the Queenes obeiſance, as euery other perſon ſtranger borne, Denizen or not Denizen, inhabiting within this Realme, or within Wales, or other the Queenes Dominions, which at the time of the ſame Aſſeſſings, or Tarations, or of euery of them to be had or made, ſhall be out of this Realme, or out of Wales, and haue goods, chattels, Lands, or Tenements, Fees or Annuities, or other profits within this Realme or in Wales, ſhal be charged and chargeable for the ſame, by the certificate of the inhabitants of the place where ſuch goods, Chattels, Lands, Tenements, or other the premiſſes then ſhall be, or in ſuch other place where ſuch perſon or perſons, or his or their Factor, Deputie, or Atturney ſhall haue their moſt reſort vnto within this Realme, or in Wales, in like maner as if the ſaid perſon were or had bene at the time of the ſayd aſſeſſing within this Realme. And that euery perſon abiding or dwelling within this Realme, or without this Realme, ſhall be charged or chargeable to the ſame Subſidies graunted by this Act, according, and after the rate of ſuch yerely ſubſtance, or value of lands, or tenements, goods, chattels, and other the premiſſes, as euery perſon ſo to be charged ſhall be ſet at, at the time of the ſayd aſſeſſing or taxation vpon him to be made, and none other wiſe.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforeſayd, that for the aſſeſſing and ordering of the ſayd three Subſidies to be duely had, the Lord Chancellour of England, or the Lord Keeper of the great Seale, the Lord Treaſurour of England, the Lord Steward of the Queenes Maieſties houſhold, the Lord Admirall of England, the Lord Chamberlaine of the Queenes moſt honourable houſholde for the time being, or two of them at the leaſt, whereof the Lord Chancellour of England, or Keeper of the great Seale for the time being to be one, ſhall and may name

and appoint of, and for euery Shire, Riding, and other places, aswel within this Realme, as in Wales and other the Queenes Dominions, as also of and for euery Citie, and Towne, being a Countie of it selfe: And of and for the Isle of Wight, such certeine number of persons of euery of the same Shires, Ridings, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes and Isle of Wight, and euery other place as they shall thinke conuenient to be Commissioners of, and within the same place wherof they be inhabitants. And also of and for the honourable houshold of the Queenes Maiestie, in what Shire or other place the saide houshold shall happen then to be, and the Lorde Chancellour or the Lord Keeper of the great Seale, and other with him before named, or two of them as is aforesaide, in like maner may name and appoynt of euery other such Borough and Townes corporate, aswel in England as in Wales, and other the Queenes dominions, as they shall thinke requisite, fiue, foure, three, or two of the head Officers, and other honest inhabitants of euery the said Cities, Boroughes and Townes corporate, according to the number and multitude of the people being in the same: The which persons (if any such be) thereunto named, of the saide inhabitants of the said Boroughes and Townes corporate, not being Counties of themselues, shall be ioyned and put in as Commissioners, with the persons named for such Shires and Ridings, as the said Boroughes and Townes corporate, not being Counties in themselues, be set and haue their being, which persons so named for and of the saide Boroughes and Townes corporate, not being Counties, by reason of their dwelling in the same, shall not take vpon them, nor none of them to put any part of their Commission in execution for the premisses, out of the sayde Boroughes and Townes Corporate, wherein they bee so named onely, nor to execute the sayde Commission within the Borough or Towne Corporate, where they bee so dwelling: but at such dayes and times as the sayde other Commissioners for the same Shire and Riding, shall thereunto limite and appoynt within the same Borough and Towne corporate, not being a Countie, whereof they bee so named, and not out of such Borough or Towne: and in that maner to be ayding and assisting with the sayd other Commissioners, in, and for the good executing of the effect of the sayd Commission, vpon paine of euery of the sayde Commissioners so named, for euery such Citie, Borough and Towne corporate, not being a Countie, to make such fine as the saide other Commissioners in the Commission, of, and for the same Shire or Riding so named, or three of them at the least, shall by their discretion, set and certifie into the Queenes Exchequer, there to be leuied to the vse of the

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Queenes Maieſtie, in like maner as if ſuch, or like ſummes had been ſet and rated vpon euery ſuch perſon for the ſayde Subſidies: The which Commiſſioners ſo named, of, and for the ſayd Cities, Boroughs and Townes, not being Counties, and onely put into the ſaid Commiſſion by reaſon of their dwelling in the ſame, ſhall not haue any part of the portion of the fees & rewards of the Commiſſioners and their Clerkes, in this Acte afterward ſpecified and allowed. And the Lord Chancellor of England, or Keeper of the great Seale of England for the time being, ſhall make & direct out of the Court of the Chancerie, vnder the great Seale, ſeuerall Commiſſions: That is to ſay, For euery Shire Riding, Lath, Wapentake, Rape, Citie, Towne, Borough, Ile, and Houſhold, vnto ſuch perſon & perſons, as by his diſcretion, or any of the other with him before named and appoynted, as is before rehearled, ſhall be thought ſufficient for the ſelling and leuying of the ſayd three Subſidies, in all Shires and places, according to the true meaning of this Acte: which Commiſſion for the paiment of the ſayd firſt Subſidie ſhal be directed and deliuered to the ſaid Commiſſioners, or to one of them, before the twentie day of Auguſt next comming, which ſhal be in the yeere of our Lord God, 1598. And the Commiſſion for the payment of the ſayd ſecond Subſidie, ſhall bee directed and deliuered to the ſayd Commiſſioners or to one of them, before the twentie day of Auguſt, which ſhall be in the yeere of our Lord God, 1599. And the Commiſſion for the payment of the ſayd third Subſidie, ſhall be directed and deliuered to the ſayd Commiſſioners, or to one of them, before the twentie day of Auguſt, which ſhal be in the yere of our Lord God, 1600. And to euery of the ſayd Commiſſioners ten Schedules containing in them the tenor of this Acte, ſhall be affiled, by the which Commiſſion the Commiſſioners in euery ſuch Commiſſion named according to this Acte, and as many of them as ſhall be appointed by the ſayd Commiſſion, ſhall haue full power and authoritie to put the effect of the ſame Commiſſion in execution.

And that by authoritie of this Acte, after ſuch Commiſſion to them directed, they may by their aſſents and agreements, ſeuer themſelues for the execution of their Commiſſion in Hundreds, Lathes, Wardes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Townes, Pariſhes and other places, within the limites of the ſayd Commiſſion, in ſuch forme as to them ſhall ſeeme expedient to be ordered, & betweene them to be communed and agreed according to the tenor & effect of the Commiſſion to them therein directed, vpon which ſeuerance euery perſon of this preſent Parliament, that ſhall bee Commiſſioner, ſhall bee aſſigned vnto the hundred where hee dwelleth.

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Prouided alwayes, that no person be or shall be compelled to be any Commissioner to and for the execution of this present Act, but onely in the Shire where he dwelleth and inhabiteth, And that any person assigned to the contrary thereof, in any wise shal not be compelled to put in execution the effect of this Act, or any part thereof.

And be it also enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that the Commissioners and euery of them, which shall be named, limited and appointed according to this Acte to be Commissioners in euery such Shire, Riding, Lathe, Wapentake, Rape, Citie, Towne, Borough, Isle, and the said houshold or any other place and no other, shall truely, effectually and diligently for their part execute the effect of this present Act, according to the tenour thereof in euery behalfe and no otherwise by any other meanes, without omission, fauour, dread, malice, or any other thing to be attempted or done by them or any of them to the contrary thereof.

And the said Commissioners or as many of them as shall bee appointed by the said Commission, and none other for the execution of the said Commission and Act, shall for the taxation of the saide first Subsidie before the last day of August next comming, which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God 1598. And for the taxation of the saide second Subsidie, shall before the last day of August, which shall bee in the yeere of our Lord God 1599. and for the taxation of the sayd thirde Subsidie, shall before the last day of August which shall bee in the yeere of our Lorde God one Thousand and fiue hundred, by vertue of the Commission deliuered vnto them in forme aforesaide, direct their seuerall or ioynt precept or precepts vnto eight, seuen, fiue, flue, foure, three or two as for the number of the inhabitants shall bee requisite, of the most substantiall, discreete and honest persons inhabitants to be named by the said Commissioners or by as many of them as shall be appointed by the said Commission, of & in Hundreds, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Wards, Parishes, Townes and other places aswell within Liberties, Franchises, ancient demesne, places exempted and Sanctuaries, as without, within the limits of the Shires, Ridings, Lathes, Wapentakes, rapes, Cities, Townes, Boroughes and Isle aforesayde, and other places within the limits of their Commission, and to the Constables, Subconstables, Bailiffes and other like officers and Ministers of euery of the said Hundreds, Townes, wards, Lathes, Wapentakes, Parishes and other places aforesayde, as to the said Commissioners and euery number of them, or vnto three or two of them by their discretion in diuision shall seeme expedient, as by the maner and vse of those parties shall bee requisite:

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Straitly by the ſayd precept charging and commaunding the ſayd inhabitants, Conſtables and other Officers aforeſayde, to whom ſuch precept ſhalbe ſo directed, to appeare in their proper perſons before the ſaid Commiſſioners, or ſuch number of them as they ſhall diuide themſelues, according to the tenour of the ſayd Commiſſion, at certaine dayes and places by the ſayde Commiſſioners or any number of them as is aforeſaide, within Cities, Boroughes, or Townes corporate, or without in any other places as is aforeſaide, by their diſcretion ſhall be limited thereunto, to doe and accompliſh all that to them on the part of the Queenes Maieſtie ſhall be enioyned touching this Acte. Commaunding further by the ſame precept, that he to whoſe handes ſuch precept ſhall come, ſhall ſhew and deliuer the ſame to the other inhabitants or officers named in the ſame precept. And that none of them faile to accompliſh the ſame, vppon payne of fortie ſhillings to be forfeited to the Queenes Maieſtie.

And it is further ordeined by the authoritie of this preſent Parliament, that at the ſayd day and place prefixed and limited in the ſayd precept, euery of the ſayd Commiſſioners then being in the Shire, and hauing no ſufficient excuſe for his abſence at the day and place prefixed for that part whereunto he was limited, ſhall appeare in his proper perſon, and there the ſame Commiſſioners being preſent, or as many of them as ſhall be appointed by the Queenes Maieſties Commiſſion, ſhal call or cauſe to be called before them the ſayd inhabitants and officers, to whom they haue directed their ſayd precepts, and which had in commandement there to appeare by vertue of the ſayd precept. And if any perſon ſo warned make default, vnles he then be letted by ſickneſſe or lawfull excuſe, and that let then be witneſſed by the othes of two credible perſons: Or if any appearing, refuſe to ſerue in forme following, then euery ſuch perſon ſo making default, or refuſing to ſerue, ſhall forfeit to the Queenes Maieſtie fortie ſhillings, and ſo at euery time appointed by the ſayd Commiſſioners for the ſame taration, vntill ſuch time the number of euery ſuch perſons haue appeared & certified in forme vnder written, euery of them ſo making default or refuſing to ſerue, ſhall forfeit to the Queenes Maieſtie fortie ſhillings, and vpon the ſame appearance had, they ſhall be charged before the Commiſſioners by all conuenient wayes and meanes (other then by corporal oth) to enquire of the beſt & moſt value of the ſubſtance of euery perſon dwelling and abiding within the limits of the places that they ſhall be charged with, and of other which ſhall haue his or their moſt reſort vnto any of the ſaid places, & chargeable with any ſumme of money by this Acte of the ſaide Subſidies, and of all other things requiſite, touching the ſayd Act, and

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according to the intent of the same: and thereupon, as nere as it may be, or shall come to their knowledge, without respect of any former taration heretofore had, truely to present and certifie before the sayde Commissioners the names and surnames, and the best and vttermost substance and values of euery of them, aswell of lands, tenements, and other hereditaments, possessions, and profits, as of goods, chattels, debts, and other things chargeable by the same Acte, without any concealement, loue, fauour, affection, dread, or malice, vpon paine of forfeiture of fiue pounds or more, to be tared, extracted, and leuied, in forme as hereafter in this present Acte shall be limited or appointed: And thereupon, the sayde Commissioners shall openly there reade or cause to be read vnto them the sayd rates in this Act mentioned, and openlie declare the effect of their charge vnto them, in what manner and forme they ought and should make their certificate, according to the rates and summes thereof aboue said, and of all maner persons, aswell of Aliens and Strangers, Denizens or not Denizens inhabiting within this Realme, as of such persons as be borne vnder the Queenes obeisance, chargeable to this Acte, and of the possessions, goods and chattels of fraternities, guilds, corporations, brotherhoods, mysteries, comminalties, and other as is aboue sayd, and of persons being in the partes beyond the Seas, hauing goods and chattels, lands or tenements within this Realme, as is afore sayd, and of all goods being in the custodie of any person or persons, to the vse of any other, as is aboue sayd, by the which information and shewing, the said persons should haue such plaine knowledge of the true intent of this present Acte, and of the maner of their certificate, that the same persons shall haue no reasonable cause to excuse them by ignorance, and after such charge, and the Statute of the sayd Subsidies, and the maner of the sayd certificate to be made in writing, conteining the names and surnames of euery person, and whether he be borne without the Queenes obeisance or within, and the best value of euery person in euery degree aswel of the yeerely value of lands and tenements, and of such like possessions and profits, as of the value of goods and chattels, debts, and euery thing to their certificate requisite and necessarie, to them declared, the saide Commissioners there being, shall by their discretions appoint and limit vnto the sayd persons another day and place to appeare before the sayd Commissioners, and charging the sayde persons that they in the meane time shall make diligent inquirie by all wayes and meanes of the premisses, and then and there euery of them vpon paine of forfeiture of fortie shillings to the Queenes Maiestie, to appeare at the sayd new prefixed day and place, there to certifie vnto the sayd Commissioners in writing

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according to their sayd charge, and according to the true intent of the said graunt of Subsidies, and as to them in maner aforesayd hath bene declared and shewed by the Commissioners, at which day and place so to them prefixed, if any of the said persons make default, or appeare, and refuse to make the sayd certificate, that then every of them so offending to forfeite to the Queenes Maiestie forty shillings, except there be a reasonable excuse of his default, by reason of sickenesse or otherwise, by the othes of two credible persons there witnessed, and of such as appeare ready to make certificate as is aforesayd, the sayd Commissioners there being, shall take and receive the same certificate and every part thereof, and the names, values, and substance of every person so certified. And if the said Commissioners see cause reasonable, they shall examine the sayd presenters thereof, and thereupon the said Commissioners at the said dayes and place, by their agreement amongst themselues, shall from time to time there openly prefixe a day at a certeine place or places, within the limits of their commission by their discretion, for their further proceeding to the sayd assessing of the same Subsidies, and thereupon at the sayd day of the sayd certificate, as is aforesayd, taken, the same Commissioners shall make their precept or precepts to the Constables, Subconstables, Bailifs, or other Officers of such Hundreds, Wapentakes, Townes, or other places, aforesayd, as the same Commissioners shall be of, comprising and conteyning in the sayd precepts the names and surnames of all persons presented before them in the said certificate, of whom the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as shall be thereunto appointed by the Queenes commission, shal then haue vehement suspect to be of more greater value or substance in lands, goods, chattels, or summes of money owing to them, or other substance before sayd, then vpon such person or persons so certified and specified, as aforesayd, the same Commissioners shall make their precept or precepts directed to the Constable, Bailifs, or other Officers, commaunding the same Constable, Bailifs, or other Officers to whom such precepts shall be directed, to warne such persons whose names shalbe comprised in the said precepts at their mansions, or to their persons, that the same persons named in such precepts, and every of them, shall personally appeare before the said Commissioners, at the same new prefixed day and place there to be examined by all wayes and meanes (other then by corporal othe) by the said Commissioners of their greatest substance and best value, and of al and every summes of money owing to them, and other whatsoever matter concerning the premisses, or any of them according to this Act: At which day & place so prefixed, the sayd Commissioners then and there being, or as many of them

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as shall bee thereunto appointed by the Queenes Commission, shall cause to be called the said persons whose names shal be comprized in the said precept, as is aforesayde, for their examination. And if any of those persons which shall be warned, as is aforesaid, to be examined, which at any time after the warning, and before the prefixed day, shall bee within such place where he may haue knowledge of his said appearance to be made, make default and appeare not, vnlesse a reasonable cause, or els a reasonable excuse by the othes of two credible persons before the saide Commissioners be truly aleadged for his discharge, that then euery of them so making default, to be taxed and charged to the Queenes Maiestie, with and at the double summe of the rate that he should or ought to haue bene set at, for and after the best value of his lands or substance vpon him certified, if he had appeared, by the discretion of the Commissioners there being, which Commissioners shall trauaile with euery of the other persons so then and there appearing, whose names shall be expressed in the said precept or precepts, and in whom any vehement suspect was, or shalbe had in forme aforesaid by all such wayes and meanes as they can (other then by corporall othe) for the better knowledge of their best value, either in hereditaments or possessions, or els in goods or debts, and thereupon shall haue power and authoritie by vertue of this Acte, according to their discretions, to enlarge and encrease the taxation of such persons as they shall so finde by due examinatiõ, to be of greater value or substance in lands or goods then they were presented at. And that euery Spirituall person at euery of the said taxations of the said three Subsidies, shalbe rated and set according to the rate aboue said, of 3 for euery pound that the same Spirituall person, or any other to his vse, hath by discent, bargaine or purchase, in fee simple, fee taile, terme of life, terme of yeeres, by Execution, by wardship, or by copy of Court Roll, in any Mannors, lands, tenements, rents, seruices, offices, fees, corrodies, or hereditaments after the true, full and yeerely value thereof, and according as other the Queenes Maiesties Subiects borne within this Realme, be charged in forme aboue remembred, so that it extend to the yeerely value of twenty shillings or aboue.

And it is further enacted, that if the said Taxors or Assessors shall not duly behaue themselues in their inquiry, taxation, assessement or Certificate, but shal affectionately, corruptly, or partially demeane themselues in that behalfe: in such wise, that the Commissioners shall by their considerations deeme them offenders worthy of punishment, for not doing their duties therein, that then foure or more of the Commissioners in that Countie for the same Subsidie, shall haue power and authoritie by their discretions,

discretions, either to charge the said Assessours vppon their corporall othes, for the better seruice aforesayd in that behalfe, or else by their discretions, to taxe and set vpon euery of the saide assessours for their misdemeanours in that behalfe, such a fine or paine as they shall thinke good, so that it exceede not the summe of ten pounds, and the same fine or paine at their discretions to Estreate into the court of Exchequer. Euery which fine so taxed and set, by foute of the sayd commissioners or more, and being estreated with the schedule and bookes of that limite, shall be leuied and answered to the Queenes vse in like manner and forme to all intents and purposes, as any other summes that bee taxed and become due by vertue of this Statute and Act of Subsidie, and not in any other wise or manner.

And if any person certified or rated by vertue of this Act, whether he be a commissioner or other, to any manner of value, doth finde himselfe greeued with the same presentment, selling or rating, and thereupon complaine to the Commissioners before whom hee shall be called, sessed or taxed, or before two of them, before the same taration bee certified into the Court of Exchequer, that the saide Commissioners or two of them, shall by all wayes and meanes examine particularly and distinctly the person so complaining, vpon his othe, and other his neighbours by their discretions, of euery his landes and tenements aboue specified, and of euery his goods, chattels & debts aboue mentioned. And after due examination and perfect knowledge thereof had and perceiued by the sayd Commissioners, or two of them, which shall haue power by authoritie aforesaid, the sayd Commissioners or two of them to whom any such complaint shall be made by their discretion, vpon the oth of the said person so complaining, may abate, defalke, increase or inlarge the same assessements according as it shall appeare vnto thē iust vpon the same examination, and the same summe so abated defalked, increased or enlarged, shalbe by them estreated in forme as hereafter ensueth. And if it bee prooued by witnesses or by the parties owne confession, or other lawfull wayes or meanes, within a yeare after any such othe made, that the same parson so rated & swoorne, was of any better or greater value in landes, goods, or other things aboue specified, at the time of his saide othe, then the same person so swoorne did declare vpon his saide othe, that then euery such person so offending, shall loose and forfeit to the Queenes Maiestie, somuch lawfull money of England, as hee the same person so swoorne was set at or taxed to pay.

And alſo it is enacted by the ſame authoritie, that euery perſon to bee rated and taxed as is aforeſaid, ſhall be rated and ſet, and the ſumme on him ſet, to bee leuied at ſuch place, where hee and his familie were reſident for the moſt part of the yeare next before the ſame preſentment and taxation made, and no where elſe. And that no Commiſſioner for this Subſidie ſhall be rated or taxed for his goods or lands, but in the Shire or other place where he ſhall be Commiſſioner. And that if any perſon chargeable to this Act, at the time of ỳ ſame aſſeſſing, happen to bee out of this Realme, and out of Wales, or farre from the place where he ſhall be knowne: then he to be ſet, where he was laſt abiding in this Realme or within Wales, and after the ſubſtance, value and other profits of euerie perſon, to bee knowne by the examination, certificate or other maner of wiſe as is afореſayd. And that the ſaid Commiſſioners, or as many of them as ſhall be appoynted by the Queenes Maieſties Commiſſion or Commiſſions, ſhall after the rate and rates afореſaid, cauſe euery perſon ſo to be ſet, rated, & taxed, according to the rate of the ſubſtance and value of his lands, goods, chattels, & other profits chargeable by this Acte, whereby the greateſt or moſt beſt ſumme or ſummes according to his moſt ſubſtance, by reaſon of this Acte, might or may be ſet or taxed.

And that euerie perſon taxed in any Countie or place other then where he and his familie were reſiant for the moſt part of the yeare then next before, or in any Countie or place, other then where he is a Commiſſioner for the Subſidie, if he bee a Commiſſioner, vpon certificate made to the ſayd Court of Exchequer, vnder the hand and Seales of two Commiſſioners for the ſame Subſidie, in the ſame Countie or place where ſuch perſon and his familie were reſiant for the moſt part of the yeare then next before, or where hee is a Commiſſioner for the taxation and payment of the ſame Subſidie, teſtifying ſuch his moſt reſiancie, hauing of familie, or being a Commiſſioner, ſhall bee a ſufficient diſcharge for the taxation of that perſon in all other places, and of and for all other ſummes of money vpon ſuch perſons ſo ſet and taxed, ſaue onely the taxation made in that Countie or place from which ſuch certificate ſhall bee made, as is afореſayd, and for the ſumme of money vpon ſuch perſons there aſſeſſed or taxed. And that ſuch certificat ſhall bee any Plea or other circumſtance, ſhall be a ſufficient warrant aſwel to the Barons and Auditor & Auditors of the ſaid Court of Exchequer, as to all and euery other officers, to whome the allowance

lowance thereof shall appertaine, paying for such discharge and allowance onely sixe pence and no more.

Prouided alwaies that euery such person which shalbe rated or taxed according to the intent and true meaning of this Acte, for payment of and to these Subsidies, for and after the perrely value of his lands, tenements, and other reall possessions or profits, at any of the said taxations, shall not after be set and rated for his goods and chattels, or other mooueable substance at the same taxation, and that he that shall be set, charged or taxed for the same Subsidies for his goods, chattels, and other mooueables at any of the said taxations, according to the true meaning of this Act, shall not after be charged, taxed or chargeable for his lands or other reall possessions & profits abouesaid, at the same taxations, or any of them, nor that any person by any taxation, be double charged for the sayd Subsidies, not set, or taxed at seuerall places by reason of this Act: But if any person happen to be double set, taxed or charged, either in one place, or at seuerall places, then he to be discharged of the one taxation, and charged with the other, according to the meaning and intent of this Act, any thing conteined in this present Act to the contrary not withstanding.

And that it be ordeined and enacted by the sayd authoritie of this present Parliament, that no person hauing two mansions or two places to resort vnto, or rallinghimselfe houshold seruant or waiting seruant to the Queenes Maiestie, or other Lord or Ladie, Master or Mistresse, be excused vpon his saying, from the taxes of the sayd Subsidies, in neither of the places where he may be set or taxed, vnlesse hee bring a certificate in writing from the Commissioners where that he is so set or taxed indeed at one place. And if any person that ought to be set and taxed to these present Subsidies, by reason of his remouing, or resorting to two places, or by reason of his saying that hee elsewhere was taxed, or by reason of any priuiledge of his dwelling or abiding in any place, not being forepriised in this Act, or otherwise by his couin or craft, or by any words or sayings, or otherwise: or if any that is a Commissioner or Assessour of others happen to escape from the said taxations for the paiment of these Subsidies, or any of them, and be not set and taxed, according to the true intent of this Act; and that proued by presentment, examination, information or other wise before the sayd Commissioners or two of them, or before the Barons of the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer, or two Iustices of the peace, of the County where such per-

ſon dwelleth: Then euery ſuch perſon that by ſuch meanes or otherwiſe willingly by couin or without iuſt cauſe, ſhall happen to eſcape from the ſaid tarations or payments aforeſaid, or any of them, and ſhall not be rated, tared and ſet, ſhalbe charged vpon the knoweledge and proofe thereof, with, and at the double value of ſo much as he ſhould, might or ought to haue beene ſet and tared at by vertue of this Act. And the ſame double value to be leuied, gathered and payd of his goods and chattels, lands and tenements, towards the ſaid Subſidies: and further to be puniſhed according to the diſcretions of the Barons, Juſtices and Commiſſioners, before whom hee ſhall be conuicted for his offence and deceit in that behalfe.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforeſaid, that the ſayd Commiſſioners in euery Commiſſion, which ſhal be or inhabite in any Countie or place within the limits of their Commiſſion, or the more part of them ſhall haue full power and authoritie by this Act, to ſet, taxe and ſeſſe euery other Commiſſioner ioyned with them in euery ſuch Commiſſion, and the ſayd Commiſſioners within euery diuiſion ſhall alſo aſſeſſe euery Aſſeſſor within their diuiſion, for his or their goods, landes, and other the premiſſes as is aboueſaid. By the which ſaid Commiſſion the ſayd Commiſſioners to whome it ſhall appertaine, ſhall indifferently ſet, taxe and ſeſſe themſelues and the ſaid aſſeſſors, and that as well the ſummes vpon euery of the ſaid Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors ſo ſeſſed, rated & tared, as the ſummes made and preſented by the preſenters, as is aboueſayd, ſhall be written, certified, ſet & eſtreated, and the eſtreats thereof to be made with other the inhabitants of that part and within the limits of the ſame commiſſion and diuiſion, ſo to bee gathered and leuied in like maner as it ought or ſhould haue beene, if the ſayd Commiſſioners had not beene in the ſayd Commiſſion. And that all perſons of the eſtate of a Baron or Barons, and euery eſtate aboue ſhall be charged with their freeholde & value as aforeſayde, by the Chancellor or Lord Keeper of the great ſeale of England, the hie Treaſurer of England for the time being, or one of them, together with other ſuch perſons as by their diſcretions Majeſties authorities or commaundement ſhal be named and appointed, and they to be charged for the ſaid ſeuerall paiments of the ſaid Subſidies after the forme of the ſaid grant according to the taration aforeſaid. And the ſumme of and vpon them to be ſet and tared, with the names of the Collectors appointed for the gathering and paying of the ſame to be eſtreated, deliuered and certified at

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dates and places aboue specified, by the Lord Chancellor or keeper of the great Seale, and Lord Treasurer or one of them, together with other such persons as thereunto shall be named, as is aforesaid.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that after the taxes and assesses of the said summes vpon & by the said assessing & certificate as is aforesaid made, the said Commissioners or as many of them, as shall bee thereunto appointed, and haue authoritie by the Queenes Maiesties Commission, shall with all speede, and without delay by their writing, estreate the said taxes thereof, vnder the seales & signes manuell of the said commissioners, or as many of them as shall be appointed at the least. And the same shall deliuer vnto sufficient and substantiall inhabitants, Constables, Subconstables, Bailiefs & other officers seuerally of Hundreds, Townes, Parishes, and other places aforesaid within their limits, and to other sufficient persons inhabitants of the same, onely by the discretion of the said Commissioners, with the assent of the high Collector, & as the place and parties shall require, all such the particular names and surnames, as the remembrance of all the summes of money taxed and set, of and vpon euery person aduell man as woma chargeable to this Act, houlholders and all other inhabitants & dwellers within the said Parishes, Townes and places contributorie to this Act of Subsidies. By authoritie of which writing & estreate so deliuered, the said officers and other persons so named and deputed, seuerally shall haue full power and authoritie by vertue of this Acte, immediatly after the deliuerie of the saide writing or estreate, to demand, leuie, and gather of euery person therein specified, the summe and summes in the same writing or estreate compyled: And for non paiment thereof, to distreine the same person or persons so being behind by their goods and chattels and the distresse so taken to keep by the space of eight daies, at the coste & charges of the owner thereof. And if the said owner doe not pay such summe of money as shall be taxed by authoritie of this act within y same eight daies, that the same distresse to be appraised by foure, or three or two of the inhabitãs where such distresse is taken, and also then to bee sold by the Constable or other Collector, for the payment of the said money, and the ouerplus comming of the sale and keeping thereof (if any be) to be immediatly restored to the owner of the same distresse, which said Officers and other persons so deputed to take, take, gather, and leuie the said summes, shall answere and bee charged for the

portion onely to them assigned and limited to be gathered, leuied and compyled in the sayd writing or Estreate so to the as is aforesaide, deliuered to the vse of our Soueraigne Ladie the Queenes Maiestie, and her heires and successors, and the sayd summe in that writing or estreate compyled, to pay vnto y high collector or collectors of that place, for the collection of the same in maner and forme vnder written thereunto to bee named and deputed, and the same inhabitants and officers so gathering the same particular summes for their collection thereof, shal reteine for euerie twentie shillings so by them receiued and paide, two pence, And that to be allowed at the payment of their collection by them to be made, to the high collector or collectors.

And further be it enacted by the sayd authoritie, that the sayd Commissioners or the more part of them, as shall take vpon the the execution and bulines of the sayd commission, shall for euery of the said payments of the sayd Subsidies, name such sufficient and able persons, which then shal haue and possesse landes and other hereditaments in their owne right, of the cleere yerelie value of fortie poundes, or goods to the value of foure hundred poundes at the least, as hee shall be taxed in the Subsidie booke, if any such be in the said limits, and for want of such so assessed, then those to be appointed Collectours that then shal be sufficient, and rated & taxed in the Subsidie books in lands or goods nerest to the values aforesaid, as by their discretion shal be thought good, in Shires, Ridings, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Towns corporate, and other whatsoeuer places aswell within places priuiledged as without, not being forexpressed within this Act to be high Collectours, and to haue the collection, and receipt of the sayd summes set, and leuiable within the precinct, limits & bounds where they shalbe so limited and appointed to be high Collectors. And to euery of the said Collectors so seuerally named, the said Commissioners or two of the at the least with al speed and without delay after the said whole summe of any paiment of the said Subsidies be set by all the limits of the same their commission, or in such limits as the high Collectours shall be so seuerally assigned: shal vnder their seales and signe manuell, deliuer one estreat indented in parchment, compyling in it the names of all such persons as were assigned to leuie the sayd particular summes, and the summes of euerie hundred, wapentake, Towne and other place aforesayd, with the names & surnames of the persons so chargeable, according to the estreat so first thereof made, and deliuered as is aforesaid.

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And the collectors to be assigned, shall be charged to answer the whole summe comprised in the sayd estreate limited to his collection as is aforesayd.

Prouided alwaies, & be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that the said commissioners hauing authoritie by this act to name & nominate the said high Collectors of euery of the sayd Subsidies, shall immediatly vpon their nomination and election take by authoritie of this present parliament, sufficient recognizances or obligations, without any fee or reward to bee payd therefore, of euery person so by them to be named, to be high Collectors, to be bound to the Queenes Maiestie in the double summe of the summe of his collection, and to be indorsed and made vpon such condition, that is to say, for the collection of the said first Subsidie: That if the said collector his heires or executors doe truelie content and pay to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie, her heires or successors, in ỳ receipt of the said Exchequer, at or before the said twelfth day of Februarie, which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God one thousand fiue hundred ninety and eight, so much of the said summe of money allotted and appointed to his collection, as he shall collect and gather, and content and pay the residue of his collection and charge, within one moneth next after such time as he hath gathered and collected the same residue. That then the sayd recognizances or obligations to be voyd, or else to stand in full strength and vertue. And for the collection of the saide second Subsidie, vpon condition that if the sayd Collector, his heires or executors doe truly content and pay to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie her heires or successors, in her receipt of the Exchequer at or before ỳ said [illegible] day of Februarie, which shall bee in the yeere of our Lord God one thousand fiue hundred ninetie and nine, so much of the said summe of money, allotted and appointed to his collection, as he shall collect and gather, and content and pay the residue of his collection and charge within one moneth next after such time as he hath gathered and collected the same residue; that then the sayd Recognizances or obligations to be voyd, or else to stand in full strength and vertue. And for the collection of the sayd third Subsidie, vpon condition that if the said collector, his heires or executors doe truely content and pay to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie, her heires or successors, in her receipt of Exchequer at or before the said twelfth day of Februarie, which shall be in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand fiue hundred, so much of the sayd summe of money allotted and appointed to his collection, as he shall collect and gather, and content and pay the residue of his collection

collection and charge, within one moneth next after such time as he hath gathered and collected the same returne that then the sayd Recognizances or obligations to bee voyde, or else to stand in full strength and vertue. Which said seuerall Recognizances or Obligations so taken, the sayd Commissioners shall severally certifie & deliuer into the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer, with the seuerall certificates of the sayd taxations & rates of the payment of the sayd Subsidies, at and by the time to them prescribed and appointed by this Acte, for the certificate of the saide seuerall taxations of the said Subsidies, upon paine of forfeiture of ten pounds to the Queenes Maiestie for euery such Recognizance or Obligation not so certified. And that euery such Collector so elected, named and chosen upon request to him made, shall knowledge and make the said Recognizance or Obligation upon paine and forfeiture of twenty pounds to the Queenes Maiestie for the default thereof. And that the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer for the time being, upon payment of the sayd seuerall collections of the sayd Subsidies, at the dates and times herein limited for the payment thereof, shall cancell and deliuer the Recognizances or Obligations for the payment thereof, to the Collector or Collectors, without any other warrant, and without any fee or reward to bee paide for the same to any person. And euery Collector so deputed, hauing the sayd Offices in particular as is aforesaid, shall haue authority by this Acte, to appoint Bayliffs, Bailiffes within the circuite of his collection, for the payment of the said Subsidies, to him to bee made, and thereof to giue knowledge by Proclamation, or otherwise to all the Constables or other persons or inhabitants hauing the charge of the particular collection within the Hundreds, Bailiffes & Seignories of such places by him as them limited, to make payment for the said particular collection of euery Summe, as to them shall appertaine, and if at the time day & place so limited & prefixed by the said high Collectors the said Constable, officers, or other persons or inhabitantes as is aforesaid for the said particular collection assigned and appointed within such Hundred, Citie, Towne or other place, do not pay unto the said hie Collectors the Summe within their seuerall Hundreds, Wapentakes, Bailiffes and other places due & compiled in the said Booke thereof to them deliuered by the said Commissioners or some of them as is aforesayd, or so much thereof as they haue by any meanes receiued (two pence for euery pound for the said particular collection as is aforesaid, allowed thereof to be allowed, excepted & abated) that then it shall be lawfull to the said high Collectors and euery

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of them, and to their assignes to distreine euery of the said Constables, Officers and other inhabitants, for their saide seuerall and particular collection of the sayde summes comprysed in the said Estreat and writing thereof, to them and euery of them as is before expressed, deliuered, or for so much of the same summe as so then shall happen to bee gathered and leuied, and behinde and vnpayde, by the goods and chattels of euery of them so being behinde, and the distresse so taken to be kept, and appraised and sold as is aforesaid, and thereof to take and leuie the summes so then being behinde and vnpaide: And the ouerplus comming of the sale of the said distresse (if any be) to be restored and deliuered vnto the owner in forme aboue remembred.

Prouided alwayes and bee it enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that no person or persons shall be nominated or appointed to be a high Collector or Collectors for the second payment of any Fifteene, Tenth or Subsidies, graunted by this Act, which before that time hath beene a Collector or Collectors for the first paiment of any part of the same fifteene, Tenths, or Subsidies, vnlesse such person or persons so to bee nominated and appointed high Collector or Collectors for the said second paiment, doe first shew forth before him or them by whome hee shall be so nominated and appointed, his quietus est for the discharge of his collection before appointed to his charge, vpon payne of one hundred pounds to be payd and forfeited by him or them that so shall nominate and appoint any such Collector contrary to this present Acte.

Prouided alwaies, that no person inhabiting in any City, borough, or towne corporate, shall be compelled to be any Assessor or Collector, of, or for any parte of the sayde Subsidies, in any place or places out of the said Citie, borough, or towne corporate, where he dwelleth.

And it is also by the saide authoritie enacted, that if any inhabitants or officers, or whatsoeuer person or persons charged to and for the collection & receipt of any parte or portion of the said Subsidies, by any maner of meanes according to this Acte: Or any person or persons for themselues, or as Keeper, Gardian, Deputie, Factor or Attorney, of, or for any other person or persons, of any goodes & chattels of the owner thereof, at the time of the said assessing to be paid, being out of this Realme or in any other partes not knowne, or of and for the goodes and chattels of any other person or persons of any Corporation, Fraternitie, Mysterie, or other whatsoeuer Comminaltie being Corpo-

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rate or not corporate, and all persons hauing in their rule, gouernaunce, and custodie any Goods or Chattels at the time of the said assessing, or any of them to bee made, or which for any cause, for and by collection, or for himselfe, or for any other, or by reason that hee hath the rule, gouernaunce or custodie of any Goods or chattels of any other person or persons, Corporation, Comminaltie, Fraternitie, Guild or Mysterie, or any such other like, or as Factor, Deputie or Attorney, of, or for any person, shall be taxed, rated, valued, and set to any summe or summes, by reason of this Acte: And after the taxation, or assessing vpon any such person or persons, as shall bee charged with the receipt of the same, happen to die or depart from the place where hee was so taxed and set, or his Goods or Chattels bee so eloyned, or in such priuie and couert manner kept, as the saide person or persons charged with the same, by Estreats or other writinges from the saide Commissioners, or as many of them as shal be thereunto appointed by the said Commission, as is aforesaide, can, ne may leuie the same summe or summes comprised within the same Estreates, by distresse within the limits of their Collection, as is aforesaid, or cannot sell such distresse or distresses, as bee taken for any of the saide paymentes before the time limited to the high Collectour for his payment, to bee made in the Queenes Maiesties receipt. Then vpon relation thereof, with due examination by the othe or examination of such person or persons as shall be charged with and for the receipt and collection of the same before the said Commissioners or as many of them as by the saide Commission shall bee thereunto appointed, where such person or persons, or other as is aforesaide, their goods and chattels, were set and taxed, and vpon plaine certificate thereof made in the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer by the same Commissioners as well of the dwelling place, names and summes of the saide persons of whom the sayde summes cannot be leuied, and had as is aforesaide. Then as well the Constables and other inhabitants appointed for the same particular collection, against the high Collectours, as the high Collector vpon his accompt and othe in the sayde Exchequer to bee discharged thereof, and processe to bee made for the Queenes Maiestie out of the said Exchequer by the discretion of the Barons of the said Exchequer, against such person, his heires or executors, so being behinde with his payment. And ouer that the same Commissioners, to whom any such declaration of the premisses shal bee made in forme aforesayde, from time to time,

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ſhall haue full power and authoritie to direct their precept or precepts vnto the ſayd perſon or perſons charged with anie ſumme, of, for and vpon any ſuch perſon and perſons or other as is aforeſayd, or to any Sheirife, Steward, Bailiffe, or other whatſoeuer Officer, miniſter, perſon or perſons of ſuch place or places, where any ſuch perſon or perſons ſo owing ſuch ſumme or ſummes, ſhall haue Lands and Tenements or other hereditaments, or reall poſſeſſions, goods and chattels, whereby any ſuch perſon or perſons ſo indebted, his heires, executors or aſſignes, or other hauing the cuſtodie, gouernance or diſpoſition of any goods, chattels, Lands or Tenements or other hereditaments, which ought or may by this Acte, lawfully bee diſtreyned or taken for the ſame, hath and ſhall haue goods, chattels, Lands, Tenements or other poſſeſſions, whereof ſuch ſumme or ſummes which by any ſuch perſon or perſons may or ought to be leuied, bee in within the limits of ſuch Commiſſion, where ſuch perſon or perſons was or were taxed, or without in anie place with in this Realme of England, Wales, or other the Queenes Mateſties Dominions, Marches or Territories, by which precept, aſwell ſuch perſon or perſons ſhall be charged to leuie ſuch money as the Officer of the place or places where ſuch diſtreſſe may bee taken, ſhall haue full power and authoritie to diſtreyne euerie ſuch perſon indebted, charged or chargeable, by this Acte, or his executors, or adminiſtrators of his goods and chattels, his Gardians, Factors, Deputies, Leaſſes, Farmers and Aſſignes, and all other perſons by whoſe hands or out of whoſe lands anie ſuch perſon ſhould haue fee, rent, annuitie or other profite, or which at the time of the ſayd aſſeſſing, ſhall haue goods or chattels, or anie other thing moueable of any ſuch perſon or perſons, being indebted or owing ſuch ſumme, and the diſtreſſes ſo taken cauſe to bee kept, appreyſed and ſolde in like manner and forme as is aforeſayd, for the diſtreſſe to be taken vpon ſuch perſons to be taxed to the ſaid ſubſidies, & being ſufficient to diſtreine within the limits of the Collectors, inhabitãts or other officers charged with or for the ſaid ſummes ſo vpon them to bee taxed. And if any ſuch diſtreſſe for non payment happen to be taken out of the limit of the ſaid perſons charged and aſſigned to leuie the ſame perſons ſo charged for the leuie of any ſuch ſummes by diſtreſſe, ſhall perceiue and take of the ſame diſtreſſe, for the labor of euery perſon going for the execution thereof, for euerie mile that any ſuch perſon ſo laboureth for the ſame, two pence. And euery Farmer, Tenant,

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Gardian, Factor or other whatsoeuer parson, being distreined, or otherwise charged for paimēt of any such summe or summes, or any other summe by reason of this Acte, shall bee of such summe or summes of him or them so leuied and taken, discharged and acquited at his next day of payment of the same, or at the deliuerie of such goods and chattels as he that is so distreined, had in his custodie or gouernance, against him or them that shall be so tared and set, any graunt or writing Obligatorie, or other Whatsoeuer matter to the contrarie made heretofore notwithstanding.

And if any such person that should bee so distreined, haue no lands or tenements sufficient, whereby hee and his Tenants and Farmers may bee distreined, or haue aliened, eloyned or hidde his goods and chattels, whereby hee should or might bee distreined, in such manner that such goods and chattels should not bee knowne or found, so that the summe of or by him to bee paide in the sayd fourme, shall not ne can be conueniently leuied, then vppon relation thereof to the Commissioners, or to as manie of them as by the sayde Commission shall be thereunto appoynted, where such person or parsons was tared and set by the othes of him or them that shall be charged with the leuying and payment of that summe or summes: The same Commissioners shall make a precept in such manner as is aforesaid, for to attach, take and arrest the bodie of such person or persons that ought to pay the sayd summes: And by this Acte shall bee charged with and for the saide summe and summes, and them so taken, safely to keepe in prison within the Shire or other place, where any such person or persons shall bee taken and attached, there to remaine without Bayle or mainepryse vntill hee hath payde the sayd Summe or Summes, that such person for himselfe or for any other by this Acte, shall be chargeable or ought to bee charged withall, and also for the Fees of euerie such arrest, to him or them that shall execute such precept, twentie pence: And that euerie Officer vnto whome such precept shall bee directed, doe his true diligence, and execute the same vppon euerie person so being indebted, vppon payne to forfeite to the Queenes Maiestie for euerie default in that behalfe twentie shillings: And that no keeper of any gaole, from his gaole suffer any such person to goe at large, by letting to bayle, or otherwise to depart out of his prison, before hee haue payd his sayd debt, and the sayd twentie pence for the sayde arrest, vppon paine to forfeite to the Queenes Maiestie

fourtie shillings: And the same Gaoler to pay to the Queenes Majestie the double value, as well of the rate, which the sayde person so imprisoned was tared at, as of the saide twentie pence for the fees: And the processe and remedy in like forme shall bee graunted by the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as by the sayde Commission shall bee thereunto appointed, at like information of every person or persons being charged with any summe of money for any other person or persons by reason of the saide Subsidies, and not thereof payde, but wilfully withdrawne, nor the same levyable within the limits where such persons were thereunto tared. And if the summe or summes being behinde unpayde by any person or persons as is aforesayde, bee levyed and gathered by force of the sayde processe to bee made by the sayde Commissioners, or if in default or for lacke of payment thereof, the person or persons so owing the said summe or summes of money, by processe of the same Commissioners to be made as is aforesaide, bee committed to prison in forme aboue saide, that then the sayde Commissioners, which shall awarde such processe, shall make certificate thereof in the sayde Exchequer of that shall bee done in the premisses, in the Terme next following after such summe or summes of money, so being behinde shall bee levied and gathered, or such person or persons for non payment of the same, committed to prison. And if it happen any of the sayde Collectors to bee alligned, or any Maiors, Sheriffes, Stewards, Constables, the Headborough, Burseholder, Bayliffe, or any other Officer or Minister, or other whatsoever person or persons, to disobey the sayde Commissioners, or any of them in the reasonable request to them made by the sayd Commissioners, for the execution of the sayd Commission, or if any of the Officers or other persons doe refuse that to them shall appertaine and belong to doe, by reason of any precept to him or them to bee directed, or any reasonable commaundement, intreate or request touching the premisses, or other default in any apparance or collection to make, or if any person being suspected not to bee indifferently tared as is aforesayd, doe refuse to bee examined according to the tenor of this Act before the said Commissioners, or as many of them as shall be thereunto alligned, as is aforesaid, or will not appeare before the same Commissioners, upon warning to him made, or else make resistance or rescous upon any distresse upon him to bee taken for any parcell of the sayde Subsidies, or commit any misbehaviour in any maner of wise contrary to this

Acte, or commit any wilfull omission or other whatsoeuer wilfull doing or misdoing contrary to the tenor of this Act or grant: The same Commissioners, and euery number of them aboue remembred, or two of them at the least, vpon probable knowledge of any such misdemeanors had by information or examination, shall and may set vpon euery such offender for euery such offence in the name of a fine, by the same offender to be forfaited, fourtie shillings or vnder, by discretion of the same Commissioners: And further the same Commissioners and euery number of them, or two of them at the least, shall haue authoritie by this present Acte, to punish euery such offender by imprisonment, there to remaine, and to be deliuered by their discretion, as shall seeme to them conuenient, the sayd fines if any such be, to be certified by the sayd Commissioners that so assessed the same, into the Queenes Maiesties sayd Exchequer, there to be leuied and paied by the Collectors of that part for the sayd Subsidies returned into the sayd Exchequer, to be therewith charged with the payment of the sayd Subsidies, in such maner as if the sayd fines had bene set and taxed vpon the sayd offenders for the sayd Subsidies.

And it is also enacted by the sayd authoritie of this present Parliament, that euery of the sayd high Collectors, which shall accompt for any part of the said Subsidies in the sayd Exchequer vpon their seuerall accompts to bee yeelded, shall bee allowed at euery of the sayd payments of the sayd Subsidies, for euery pound limited to his collection, whereof any such Collector shall bee charged and yeeld account, fiue pence, as parcell of their charge, that is to say, of euery pound thereof, for such persons as then haue had the particular Collection of the Townes and other places as is aforesaide, specified in his Collection, two pence, and other two pence of euery pounde thereof, euery of the saide chiefe Collectors or their Accomptants to retaine to their owne vse, for their labour and charge in and about the premisses, and two pence of euery pounde tell due, to bee deliuered, allowed and payde, by the sayde Collector so being thereof allowed, to such of the Commissioners as shall take vpon them the businesse and labour for and about the premisses: That is to say, Euery Collector to pay thas Commissioner or Commissioners which had the ordering of the writings of and for euery of the sayde Subsidies, where the saide Collector or Collectors had their collection, for the expenses for the saide Commissioners, so taking vpon them the saide

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busines and labour of their Clearks writing the sayde pre-cepts and extracts of the sayd collections, the same last two pence of euery pound to be diuided amongst the sayd Commissioners, hauing regard to their labour and busines taken by them and their sayd Clearks, in and about the premisses, for which part, so to the sayde Commissioners appertaining, the sayd Commissioners, fiue, sixe, seuen, foure, three, or two, or as many of them as shall be thereunto appointed by the Queenes Maiesties Commission, and euery of them, ioyntly and seuerally, for his and their sayde part, may haue his remedy against the sayd Collector or Collectors, which therof bene or might haue bene allowed, by action of debt, in which the defendant shall not wage his Law, neither protection, neither iniunction or essoine shalbe allowed.

And that no person now beeing of the number of the companie of this present Parliament, nor any Commissioner shall be named or assigned to be any Collectour, or Subcollectour or Presentour of the sayde Subsidies, or any part thereof, nor any Commissioners shall bee compelled to make any presentment or certificate other then into the Quenes Maiesties sayd Exchequer, of, for or concerning the sayd Subsidies, or any part or parcell thereof. And likewise that no other person that shall bee named and assigned to bee Commissioners in any place, to and for the execution of this Act of Subsidies, be or shal be assigned or named head Collector of any of the payments of the sayd Subsidies, neither of any part there of.

And that euery such person or persons which shall be named & appointed as is aforesaid, to be head Collectors of and for the payment of the said first Subsidie, or of any part thereof, shall not be compelled to be Collectour for the sayd second Subsidie, nor for any part thereof. And he that shall be named or appointed as aforesaid to be Collector for the paiment of ỹ sayd second Subsidie, or of any part thereof, shall not be compelled to bee the Collectour for the payment of the sayde third Subsidie, nor of any part thereof. And the sayde Collectours which shall bee assigned for the collection of the sayd three Subsidies, or for any part thereof and euery of them, be and shall be acquited and discharged of all manner Fees, Rewardes and of euery other charges in the Quenes Maiesties Exchequer, or elsewhere, of them or any of them, by

reason of that collection, payment or accounts, or any thing concerning the same to be asked. And that if any person, receiue or take any fees, Rewards or pleasures, of any such accomptant, or vse any vnnecessarie delay in their account, that then he shall forfaite to the Queenes Maiestie for euery peny or value of euery peny or peny worth so taken, fiue shillings, and fiue pounds to the partie grieued, for euery such delay, and suffer imprisonment at the Quéenes Maiesties pleasure. And after euery taxing and assessing of the said seuerall Subsidies (as is aforesaid) had or made, and the sayd extracts thereof in Parchment, vnto the Collectors in maner and forme before rehearsed, deliuered: The saide Commissioners which shall take vpon them the execution of this Acte within the limits of their commission, by their agréements shall haue méetings together. At which méetings euery of the saide Commissioners, which then shall haue taken vpon them the execution of any part of the said Commission, shall by himselfe or his sufficient Deputie, truly certifie and bring forth vnto the said Commissioners named in the saide Commission, the certificate and presentment made before him and such other Commissioners, as were limited with him in one limite, so that the same certificate may bée accounted and call with the other Certificats of the other limits within the same Commission, and then the said Commissioners and euery number of them, vnto two at the least as is aforesaide, if any bée in life, or their Executors or Administrators of their goods, if they then bée dead, shall ioyntly and seuerally as they were diuided within their limites, vnder their seales, by their discretion make one or seuerall writings Indented, containing in it, as well the names of the said Collectors by the Commissioners, for such collectiõ and accounts in the Exchequer, and payment in the same receipt, deputed and assigned, as the grosse & seuerall summes, written vnto euery such Collectors to receiue the said Subsidies, and also all fines, amerciaments, and other forfaitures, if any such by reason of this Acte happen to be within the precinct and limite of their Commission, to bée certified into the Quéenes Maiesties said Exchequer, by the saide Commissioners. In which writing or writings indented so to be certified, shall bée plainely declared and expressed the whole and entire summe or summes of the saide Subsidies, seuerally limited to the collection of the said Collectors seuerally deputed and assigned

signed to the collection of the sayd summes. So that none of the said Collectours so certified in the said Exchequer, shall be compelled there to account or to be charged, but onely to and for the summes limitted to his collection, and not to or for any summe limitted to the collection of his fellow: But euery of them shall bée seuerally charged for their part limitted to their collection. And if the said Commissioners ioyned in one Commission amongst themselues, in that matter cannot agree, or if any of them bee not ready, or refuse to make certificate with other of the same Commissioners, that then the said Commissioners may make seuerall Indentures in forme aforesaid of their seuerall limittes or separations of Collectors within the limits of their Commission, vpon and in the Hundreds, Wardes, Wapentakes, Lathes, Rapes or such other like Diuisions, within the sayd seuerall limits of their Commission, as the places there shall require to bee seuered and diuided, and as to the same Commissioners shall seeme good to make diuisions of their limits or Collections, for the seuerall charges of the same Collectors, so that alway one Collector shall be charged, and account for his part to him to be limitted onely by himselfe, and not for any summe limited to the part of any of his fellowes: And the charges of euery of the Collectors to bée set and certified seuerally vpon them. And euery such Collector vpon his account and payment of the summe of money limitted within his collection, to bee seuerally by himselfe acquited and discharged in the sayde Exchequer, without paying any maner Fées or Rewardes to any person or persons for the same, vpon payne and penaltie last aboue saide, and not to be charged for any portion of any other Collector: And if any Commissioner after hée hath taken certificate of them, that as is aforesaid shall bée before any such Commissioners examined, and the summes rated and set, and the bookes and writings thereof being in his hands, or if any Collectour or other person charged with any receite of any part of the said Subsidies, or any other person tared or otherwise by this Acte charged with or for any parcell of the said Subsidies, or with any other summe, fine, amerciament, penaltie or other forfaiture, happen to die before the Commissioners, Collectours, or other whatsoeuer person or persons, haue executed, accomplished, satisfied or sufficiently discharged that which to euery such person shall appertaine or belong to doe, according to this Acte: Then the executors and heires of euery such

perſon, and all other Seiſed of any Lands and Tenements that any ſuch perſon being charged by this Act, and decealling before he bée diſcharged thereof, or any other to his vſe onely, had of eſtate of inheritance at the time, that any ſuch Perſon was named Commiſſioner, Collectour or otherwiſe charged with or for any manner of thing to be done, ſatiſfied or payd by reaſon of this Act, and all thoſe that haue in their poſſeſſions or hands, any goods, cattels, leaſes, or other things, that were to any ſuch Perſon or Perſons, at the time of his death, or any Lands or Tenements that were the ſame Perſons at the time hée was as is aforeſaid charged by this Acte, ſhall bée by the ſame compelled, and charged to doe and accompliſh in euery caſe, as the ſame Perſon ſo being charged ſhould haue done, or might haue béene compelled to doe, if he had bene in plaine life, after ſuch rate of the Lands and goods of the ſayde Commiſſioner or Collectour, as the partie ſhall haue in his hands. And if the ſaide Commiſſioners for cauſes reaſonable them mouing, ſhall thinke it not conuenient to ioyne in one certificate, as is aforeſaid, then the ſayd Perſon or Perſons, that ſhall firſt ioyne together, or hée that ſhall firſt certifie the ſaid writing Indented (as is aforeſayd) ſhall certifie all the names of the Commiſſioners of that Commiſſion, whereupon ſuch writing ſhall be there then to be certified, with diuiſion of the Hundreds, Wapentakes, Wardes, Tithings & other places. to and among ſuch Commiſſioners of the ſame Commiſſion, with the names of the ſame Commiſſioners, where ſuch ſeparations and diuiſions ſhall be with the groſſe ſummes of money, as well of and for the ſayd Subſidies tared or ſet, of or within the ſaid Hundreds, Wards, Wapentakes, or other places to him or them diuided or aſſigned, that ſhall ſo certifie the ſayde firſt writing, as of the fines, amerciaments, penalties, and other forfaitures, if any happen to be within the ſame limits, whereof the ſame writings ſhall be certified. And after ſuch writings Indented, which as is aforeſaid ſhall bée certified, and not containe in it the whole and full ſummes, ſet and tared within the limits of the ſame Commiſſion, the other Commiſſioners of the ſame, before the day of payment of the ſayd Subſidie ſhall certifie into the ſaide Exchequer, by their writing or writings Indented, to bée made as is aforeſayde, the groſſe and ſeuerall Summes, ſet and tared within the places to them limited, for euery of the ſayde Subſidies, and other fines, Amerciaments, Penalties and forfaitures, with

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the names of the Hundreds, Wardes, Wapentakes, & other places to them assigned, or else by their sayde writings Indented, to certifie at the same place, before the same day of payment, such reasonable causes for their excuses, why they may not make such certificate of and for the sayd Subsidies, fines, amerciaments, and other forfaitures, growing or set by reason of the causes of their lets, or of their not certifying as is aforesayde, or else in default thereof, processe to be made out of the Quænes Maiesties sayde Exchequer, against the sayde Commissioners, and of euery of them, not making certificate as is aforesaid, by the discretion of the Treasurer and Barons of the sayd Exchequer.

Prouided alwaies, and bee it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that the Inhabitants of the Parish of Saint Martin, called Stamford Baron, in the Suburbes of the Borough and Towne of Stamford in the South part of the water there called Wellands, which hereafter shall be contributorie to the payment of these present Subsidies graunted to the Quænes Maiestie, her Heires and Successors, shall be Assessed, Rated and Tared for the same, by such Commissioners which shall be appointed for the taring, rating and lessing of the same Subsidies within the Countie of Lincolne: and shall be for the same contributorie, and pay the sayd Subsidies to the Collector or Collectors, which shall bee assigned and appointed, for the leuying and gathering of the same, with the Aldermen and Burgesses of the said Borough and Towne of Stamford.

Prouided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that all and euery person and persons hauing Mannors, Landes, Tenements, and other Hereditaments, chargeable to the payment of the sayd Subsidies graunted to the Quænes Maiestie by this Acte, and also hauing spiritual possessions chargeable to her sayde Maiestie, by the graunt made by the Cleargie of this Realme in their Conuocation, and ouer this, hauing substance in goods and cattels chargeable by this sayde Acte, that then if any of the sayde person or persons be hereafter charged, assessed and tared for the sayde Manors, Lands and Tenements, and Spirituall possessions, and also Assessed, charged and tared for his and their goods and cattels, that then he or they shall be onely charged by vertue of this Acte, for his and their sayd Mannors, Lands,

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Tenements, Hereditaments and ſpirituall poſſeſſions, or only for his ſaide goods, and cattels, the beſt thereof to be taken for the Queenes Maieſtie, and not to be charged for both, or double charged for any of them: Any thing in this Acte contained to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

Prouided alwayes, that this graunt of Subſidies or any thing therein contained, in any wiſe extend not to charge the inhabitants dwelling in Ireland, Jerneſey, and Garneſey, or any of them, of, for, or concerning any Manors, Landes, Tenements or other poſſeſſions, goods, cattels, or other moueable ſubſtãce, which the ſaid inhabitants or dwellers or any others to their vſe haue, within Ireland, Jernſey, and Garnſey, or in any of them, or of, for, or concerning any fees or wages, which any of the ſaid inhabitants or dwellers haue of the Queenes Maieſtie, for their attendance and doing ſeruice to our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maieſtie in Ireland, Jernſey and Garnſey, or in any of them: any thing in this preſent Act to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

Prouided alſo, that this preſent Acte of Subſidies, ne any thing therein contained, extend to any of ỹ Engliſh inhabitants or reſiants in any of the countries of Northumberland, Cumberland, Weſtmerland, the Towne of Barwicke, the Towne of Newcaſtel vpon Tine, and the Biſhoprycke of Durham, or to any of them, of, for or concerning any Manors, Lands, Tenements or other poſſeſſions, goods, cattels or other moueable ſubſtance, which the ſame Engliſh inhabitants or dwellers, or any other to their vſe, haue within the ſaid Counties of Northumberland, Cumberland, Weſtmerland, or the Towne of Barwicke, the Towne of Newcaſtle vpon Tine, or the Biſhoprick of Durham, or any of the, or of, for or concerning any fees or wages, which any of the Engliſh inhabitants or dwellers haue of the Queenes Maieſtie, for their attendance or doing ſeruice to the Queenes Maieſtie, for or within the ſaide cõities of Northumberland, Cumberland, Weſtmerland, the towne of Barwicke, the towne of Newcaſtle vpon Tine, or the Biſhoprycke of Durham, or any of them, to or for the ſayde taxing, leuying, gathering or paiment, but that the Engliſh inhabitants and reſiants, and euery of them of the ſaid counties, Biſhoprick and Townes, and euery of them ſhall be of & from the ſaid Subſidies, and euery parcell thereof onely for their Manors, Lands, Tenements, fees, Wages, goods and cattels

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lying and being in the sayd Counties, Townes and Bishoprickes, or any of them, vtterly acquited and discharged: anie thing in this present Act before rehearsed to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that all Letters Patents graunted by the Quenes Maiestie, or any of her most noble Progenitors, to any Cities, Boroughes, or townes within this Realme, of any manner of liberties, Priuiledges or exemptions from the burthen and charge of any such graunts of Subsidies, which bee at this present time in force and vaileable, shall remaine good and effectual to the sayd Cities, Boroughs and Townes hereafter, according to the purports thereof, although the inhabitants of the same, and also the sayd Corporations, shall vpon the great and weightie considerations of the graunt aboue sayde, before this grant charged and contributorie, in like manner, forme and sort, as other Cities, Boroughs, and Townes, which bee not in any wise Priuiledged, but by this Acte charged.

Prouided alwaies, and bee it enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that no Orphane or Infant, within the age of xxi. yeeres, borne within any of the Quenes Maiesties Dominions, shall be charged to any payment of these Subsidies, for his or her goods and cattels to him or her left or bequeathed, any thing in this Acte conteyned to the contrarie not withstanding.

Prouided also, that this Acte, nor any thing therein conteined, shall extend to the goods or landes of any Colledge, Hall or Hostel within the Vniuersities of Orforde and Cambridge, or any of them, or to the goods or landes of the Colledge of Winton, founded by Bishoppe Wickham, or to the goods or lands of the Colledge of Eatonnere Windlor, or to y landes, Tenements, or reuenewes only assigned or appointed for the sustentation and liuing of the poore Knights founded in the Castle or Colledge of Windlor by our late Soueraigne Lord King Henry the eight, or to any of the goods or cattels of the same Knights or any of them, or to the goods or landes of any common free Grammar Schoole within the Realme of England or Wales, or to the goods of any Reader, Scholemaster or Scholler, or any Graduate or Resiant or remaining for studie without fraude or couine within any of the sayd Vniuersities and Colledges, or Towns of Cambridge and Orford, or Suburbes of the same, or to any of them, or to any their seruants

uants dayly attending vpon any of them, nor to the goods of any Officer, Minister, Almes men, or seruants belonging to any of the said Vniuersities, Colledges, Halles, or Hostels, and dwelling and resiant within the said Vniuersities or either of them, or within either of the said townes of Cambridge and Oxford, and the Suburbs of the same, without fraud or couine, or to the goods and lands of any Hospitall, Maisondiu, or spittle house, prepared and vsed for the sustentation and relefe of poore people, Any thing in this Act conteined to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided also, and be it further enacted, that the said grant of Subsidies or any thing therein conteined, do not in any wise extende or be preiudiciall or hurtfull to any of the inhabitants or resiants hauing dwelt for the most part of the yeere next before the taxing and assessing of these Subsidies, as aforesaide, within the fiue Ports corporate, or to any their members incorporated, or vnited to ꝑ same fiue Ports, or to any of the said fiue Ports, but that such the inhabitants or resiants as aforesaid, in the said fiue Ports corporate, & their members, be and shalbe of and from the said graunt and paiment of euery of the said subsidies, and euery part thereof, and onely during such their resiancie as aforesaid, and no longer, clearely discharged and acquited, any matter or whatsoeuer thing in this present Act had or made to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that the said grant of Subsidies and sir Fifteenes and Tenths, do not in any wise extend or be preiudicial or hurtfull to the English inhabitants or resiants at this present time within the liberties of Rumney Marsh, of, or for any part of the said summes granted in this present Parliament, of the said English inhabitants now there resiants, or any of them to be tared, set, asked, leuied or paid, but that the said English inhabitants, and now resiants of Rumney Marsh aforesaid, and euery of them bee, and shall bee, of and from the sayde graunt and payment of the said Subsidies and sire Fifteenes and Tenths during their resiancie there, and no longer, acquited and discharged, Any matter and whatsoeuer thing in this present Act made to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided neuertheless, & bee it enacted by the authority aforesaid, that if any alien or strãger borne, denizen or not denizen, & dwelling or inhabiting within this realme of England, shall assigne or conuey ouer vnto any his or their child or children borne within this said realme of England, any his or their landes

lands, tenements, goods or cattels, to the intent thereby to defraud the Queenes Maiestie of her sayd Subsidies, of, or for the same, that then all and euery such child or children so being seised of any such lands and tenements, or possessed of any such goods or cattels, shall bee charged and chargeable to and with the payment of double the sayde Subsidies for the same lands, tenements, goods and cattels, at the sayde rates and values as aliens and strangers, denizens or not denizens are before limited and appointed to pay.

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An acte for the Queenes Maieſties moſt gracious, generall, and free Pardon.

THe Queenes Maieſtie moſt graciouſly conſidering the good will and faithfull hearts of her moſt louing and obedient Subiects, which, as at all times, ſo at this preſent ſpecially, they haue with moſt dutifull affection ſhewed towards her Highneſſe, and for the defence of this Realme: And vnderſtanding that the ſame her louing Subiects haue many and ſundry wayes by the Lawes and Statutes of this Realme, fallen into the danger of diuers great penalties and forfeitures: Is of her princely & mercifull diſpoſition moſt graciouſly inclined by her liberal and free pardon, to diſcharge ſome part of thoſe great paines, forfeitures, & penalties, wherewitty her ſaid ſubiects ſtand now burthened and charged, Truſting they will be thereby the rather mooued & induced from henceforth more carefully to obſerue her highnes lawes and ſtatutes, & to continue in their loial & due obedience to her Maieſty.

And therefore her Maieſty is well pleaſed and contented, that it be enacted by the authority of this preſent Parliament in maner & forme following: that is to ſay, That all & euery of the ſayd Subiects aſwell Spiritual as Temporall of this her Highneſſe realme of England, Wales, the Iles of Jerneſey and Garneſey, and the towne of Barwike, the heires, ſucceſſors, executors and adminiſtrators of them and euery of them, and all & ſingular bodies in any maner of wiſe corporated, Cities, Boroughs, Shires, Ridings, Hundreds, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Towns, Villages, Hamlets, & Tithings, and euery of them, and the ſucceſſor and ſucceſſors of euery of them, ſhal be by the authority of this preſent Parliament, acquited, pardoned, releaſed and diſcharged againſt the Queenes Maieſtie, her heires and ſucceſſors, and euery of them, of all maner of treaſons, felonies, offences, contempts, treſpaſſes, entries, wrongs, deceits, miſdemeanors, forfaitures, penalties, & ſummes of money, paines of death, paines corporall and pecuniarie, and generally of all other things, cauſes, quareis, ſuites, iudgements, and executions in this preſent

Act hereafter not excepted nor foꝛeꝑſed, which may be or can be by her Highnes in any wiſe or by any meanes pardoned, beſoꝛe and vnto the fourth day of Auguſt laſt paſt, to euery or any of her ſaid Subiects, bodies coꝛpoꝛated, Cities, Boꝛoughes, Shires, Ridings, Hundꝛeths, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Townes, Villages and Tithings, or any of them.

And alſo the Queenes Highnes is contented, that it be enacted by the authoꝛity of this preſent Parliament, that her ſaid free Pardon ſhalbe as good & effectuall in the law to euery of her ſayd ſubiects, bodies coꝛpoꝛate, and others beſoꝛe rehearſed, in, foꝛ, and againſt all things which be not hereafter in this preſent Act excepted & foꝛeꝑſed, as the ſame Pardon ſhould haue bene, if all offences, contempts, foꝛfeitures, cauſes, matters, ſuits, quarels, iudgements, executions, penalties, and al other things not hereafter in this preſent Act excepted and foꝛeꝑſed, had bin particularly, ſingularly, ſpecially, and plainly named, rehearſed and ſpecified, and alſo pardoned by proper and expꝛeſſe woꝛds and names in their kinds, natures and qualities, by woꝛds and termes theꝛunto requiſite to haue bene put in and expꝛeſſed in this preſent Act of free Pardon: And that her ſayd ſubiects noꝛ any of them, noꝛ the heires, executoꝛs oꝛ adminiſtratoꝛs of any of them, noꝛ the ſaid bodies coꝛpoꝛate, and other beſoꝛe named and rehearſed, noꝛ any of them be, noꝛ ſhall be ſued, vexed, oꝛ inquieted in their bodies, goods, chattels, lands oꝛ tenements, foꝛ any manner of matter, cauſe, contempt, miſdemeanour, foꝛfeiture, treſpaſſe, offence, oꝛ any other thing ſuffered, done oꝛ committed beſoꝛe the ſayd fourth day of Auguſt againſt her Highneſſe, her Crowne, Dignitie, Pꝛerogatiue, Lawes oꝛ Statutes, but onely foꝛ ſuch matters, cauſes & offences as be rehearſed, mentioned, oꝛ in ſome wiſe touched in the exceptions of this preſent Act hereafter mentioned to be foꝛeꝑſed and excepted, and foꝛ none other, any ſtatute oꝛ Statutes, Lawes, Cuſtomes oꝛ vſages heretofoꝛe had, made, oꝛ vſed to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

And the Queenes highnes of her bounteous liberality, by the authoꝛity of this preſent parliament, granteth & freely giueth to euery of her ſubiects, & to euery of the ſaide bodies coꝛpoꝛate and other beſoꝛe rehearſed, & euery of them, all goods, chattels, debts, fines, iſſues, pꝛofits, amerciaments, foꝛfeitures & ſummes of money by any of them foꝛfeited, which to her Highnes doe oꝛ ſhould belong oꝛ appertein by reaſon of any offence, contempt, treſpaſſe, entry, miſdemeanour, matter, cauſe, oꝛ quarell done oꝛ cõmitted by them, oꝛ any of them, beſoꝛe the ſayde fourth day of Auguſt, which be not hereafter in this preſent act foꝛeꝑſed & excepted.

And be it enacted neuertheleſſe, that all graunts theꝛeof, oꝛ of any part theꝛof, made by any ſuch as haue ſo foꝛfeited the ſame,

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and are hereby reſtored as aforeſayd: and all executions thereof or of any part thereof, had againſt any ſuch after ſuch forfeiture thereof committed or made, ſhalbe of ſuch force and effect, as if no ſuch forfeiture thereof had bin had or made, and of no other: The ſame forfeiture, or any thing before in this Act to the contrary notwithſtanding. And that all and euery the Queenes ſaid ſubiects, and all & ſinguler bodies corporate & others before rehearſed, may by him or themſelues, or by his or their deputie or deputies, or by his or their Atturney or Atturneys, according to the Lawes of this Realme, pleade & minister this preſent Act of free pardon for his or their diſcharge, of and for any thing that is by vertue of this preſent Act pardoned, diſcharged, giuen or graunted, without any fee or other thing in any wiſe paying to any perſon or perſons for writing or entry of the iudgements, or other cauſe concerning ſuch plea, writing or entry, but only vpon.d. to be payd to the Officer or Clarke that ſhall enter ſuch plea, matter or iudgement for the parties diſcharged in that behalfe: Any law, ſtatute, vſage or cuſtome to the contrary notwithſtanding.

And furthermore, the Queenes Highnes is contented & pleaſed, that it be enacted by the authority of this preſent parliament, that her ſaid free pardon by the generall words, clauſes & ſentences before rehearſed, ſhall be reputed, deemed, adiudged, expounded, allowed & taken in all maner of Courts of her Highnes, and elſwhere, moſt beneficiall & auailable to all and ſinguler her ſayd Subiects, bodies corporate & others before rehearſed, & to euery of them in all things not in this preſent Acte excepted or foreprizſed, without any ambiguity, queſtion, or other delay whatſoeuer it ſhalbe, to be made, pleaded, obiected, or alledged by the Queene our ſouereigne Lady, her heires or ſucceſſors, or by her or any of their generall Atturney or Atturneys, or by any perſon or perſons for her Highneſſe, or any of her heires or ſucceſſors.

And furthermore it is enacted by the Queene our ſouereigne Ladie, by ỹ authoritie of this preſent parliament, that if any Officer or Clarke of any of her Highneſſe Courts, commonly called the Chancery, Kings Bench, & Common place, or of her Exchequer, or any other Officer or Clarke of any other of her Highnes Courts within this realme, at any time after the laſt day of this preſent ſeſſion of Parliament, make out or write out any maner of writs, proceſſe, ſummons, or other precepts, wherby any of the ſaid ſubiects, or any of the ſaid bodies corporated, or others before rehearſed, or any of them ſhall be in any wiſe arreſted, attached, diſtreined, ſummoned, or otherwiſe vexed, inquieted, or grieued in his or their bodies, landes, tenements, goods or chattels, or in any of them, for, or becauſe of any manner of thing pardoned or diſcharged by vertue of this Act of free pardon: or if any Shirife

or Escheator, or any of their deputie or deputies, or any Bailife or other officer whatsoeuer, by colour of his or their office, or otherwise, after the sayd last day of this present session of Parliament, doe leuie, receiue, take or withholde, of, or from any person or persons, any thing pardoned or discharged by this act, that then euery such person so offending, and thereof lawfully conuicted or condemned by any sufficient testimony, witnesse or proofe, shall yeelde and pay for recompense thereof to the partie so grieued or offended thereby, his, or their treble dammages, besides all costs of the sute: and shall also forfeit and lose to the Queenes Maiestie for euery such default x.li. And neuertheless, all and singuler such writs, processe and precepts so to be made, for, or vpon any maner of thing pardoned or discharged by this present act of free Pardon, shallbe vtterly void, and of none effect.

Excepted and alwayes forexpressed out of this generall and free Pardon, all and all maner of high Treasons and other offences committed or done by any person or persons against the Queens most royall person, and all conspiracies and confederacies traiterously had, committed or done by any person or persons against the Queenes Maiesties royall person.

And also excepted all and euery maner of treasons committed or done by any person or persons in the parts beyond the Seas, or in any other place out of the Queenes dominions: and also all sutes, punishments, executions, paines of death, forfeitures and penalties, for, or by reason or occasion of any the Treasons and offences before rehearsed.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all offences of forging & false counterfeiting of the Queenes Maiesties great or priuie seale, signe Manuel, or priuie Signet, or of any the monyes currant within this Realme: And also, all offences of vnlawfull diminishing of any the sayde moneyes by any way or meanes whatsoeuer, contrary to the lawes and statutes of this Realme: And also all abetting, ayding, comforting, or procuring of the same offences, or any of them to be committed or done.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all maner of voluntary murders, petit treasons, & wilfull poisonings done or committed by any person or persons, and all and euery the accessaries to the same offences or any of them, before the sayd offences committed.

And also excepted and forexpressed out of this generall Pardon, all and euery offences of piracie and robberie done vpon the seas, and all and euery comforting, procuring, or abetting of the same offences to be had, done or committed.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all Burglaries committed or done in any dwelling house or houses, and all accessaries to any the sayd Burglaries, before the same Burglarie committed.

And also excepted all robberies done vpon, or to any mans or

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womans person in the high way, or elsewhere: And all and singular accessaries of, or to any such robberies before the sayd robberie committed.

And also excepted ỹ felonious stealing of any horse, gelding or Mare, and all accessaries thereunto, before the same felony committed, and all iudgements and executions, of and for the same.

And also al wilful burnings of any dwelling house or houses, or of any barne or barnes wherein any corne was.

And also excepted all Rapes & carnall rauishment of women.

And also all rauishments and wilful taking away, or marying of any mayd, widow, or damosel, against her will, or without the assent or agreement of her parents, or of such as then had her in custodie.

And also all offences of ayding, comforting, procuring or abetting of any such rauishment, wilful taking or marying to be had, committed, or done.

And also excepted all wilfull escapes of any traitors or felons.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all persons now attainted or outlawed, of or for any treason, petit treason, murder, wilfull poysoning, Burglary, or robberie, and all executions, of and for the same.

And also excepted all offences of Inuocations, Conjurations, Witchcrafts, Sorceries, Inchantments and Charmes, and all offences of procuring, abetting, or comforting of the same, and all persons now attainted or conuicted of any the sayd offences.

And also excepted all and euery maner of taking from the Queenes Maiestie of any goods or chattels, or the issues, rents, reuenues, or profits of any Manors, landes, tenements, or hereditaments, which were of any traytor, murder, felon, clarke, or clarkes attainted, or Fugitiues, or any of them.

And also excepted all goods and chattels in any wise forfeited to the Queenes Maiestie by reason of any treason, petit treason, murder, or felony heretofore committed or done.

And also excepted all offences, of or in making, writing, printing or publishing, or in consenting to the making, writing, printing, or publishing of any false seditious or slanderous booke, or bookes, libel or libels, in any wise against the Queens Maiesty, or the present gouernment of this Realme, in causes either Ecclesiasticall or Temporall, or against any person or persons.

And also excepted out of this pardon, al intrusions and spoile of woods, had, made or done by any person or persons, in or vpon any of the manors, landes, tenements, or other hereditaments of our soueraigne Lady the Queene, and all wastes done, committed or suffred vpon any such lands, tenements or hereditaments, and the wrongfull taking of any the rents, issues and profits of the same Mannours, landes, tenements or hereditaments of

out said Soueraigne Lady the Queene, and also all Sutes, Accompts and Impetitions, of and for the same.

And also excepted out of this pardon, all alienations of any lands, tenements, or hereditaments without licence, & all fines, issues & profits, that may or ought to grow or come to ỳ Queenes Maiestie, by reason of any such alienation without licence.

And also excepted out of this pardon, all wastes committed or done in any of the Queens wards lands, or in the wards lands of any of the Queenes committees: And also all and euery fine and fines for the single or double value of the mariage or marriages of al and euery ward or wards, at any time heretofore growen to the Queenes Maiestie or any her noble progenitors.

And also excepted all concealed wardes, and the lands of such wards concealed, and all Liueries and Primer seisons, and ouster le maines that ought to be had, done or sued for the same.

And also excepted out of this generall pardon, all rauishments and wrongfull taking or withholding of any of the Queenes wards, or wards lands, or the rents, and profits of the same, at any time commen or growen to the Queenes handes, and euery thing that by reason of any ward or wards lands, or for default of suing or prosecuting of any liuery, ought to come or bee to the Queenes Maiestie, and which as yet is not discharged.

And also excepted al Fines that should or ought to grow to the Queenes Maiestie, of any of her widowes that haue married without licences.

Prouided alwayes, & be it enacted by the authority of this present Parliament, that the Queens Maiestie, her heires and successors, shal haue & enioy the full & whole interest, benefit, profit, and aduantage of all wardships, Liueries, Primer seisons, and ouster le maines of lands, tenements, and hereditaments, and all meane issues, rates & profits for not suing or not prosecuting of any Liuery or ouster le maine as if this Act had neuer bene had or made: And that all and euery person or persons which haue tendered or ought to sue his, her, or their, or any of their liueries or ouster le maines, of or for any Mannors, lands, tenements or hereditaments, whatsoeuer they be, shall sue his, her, and their Liuery and liueries, and ouster le maines, out of our said soueraigne Lady the Queenes handes, and shal answere and pay their fines, issues, and meane profits for his or their mannors, lands, tenements and hereditaments, in like maner and forme to euery respect, as they and euery of them should or ought to haue done, if this Act had neuer bene had ne made, notwithstanding the not finding of any office or offices, or any other matter whatsoeuer: Any article, thing or things in this present act of general pardon comprised and specified to the contrary notwithstanding.

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And also excepted and forexpressed out of this pardon, al such persons as the last day of this present session of parliament be in prison within ỹ towre of London, or in the prison of the Marshalley, or in the prison of the Fleete, or otherwise restrained of liberty by expresse cõmandement from the Queens Maiesty, or by the commandement or direction of any her Maiesties priuie Counsell.

And also excepted out of this pardon, all and euery such person and persons, which at any time sithence the beginning of the Queens Maiesties reigne, haue fled out of this Realme of England, or any other the Queenes Dominions, for any offence of high treason, petit treason, or misprision of treason.

And also excepted al such persons, as be gone or fled out of this Realme, for any cause contrarie to the Lawes and Statutes of this Realme, without the Queenes Maiesties licence.

And also excepted all such persons, as haue obteined and had licence to depart this Realme for a certaine time, and nowe doe abide out of the Realme without any lawfull excuse, after the time of their licence expired.

And also excepted out of this pardon, all and euery concealements, or wrongful detainements of any custome or subsidie due to the Queenes Maiestie, and all accompts, impetitions, and sutes, to be had, made or done for the same.

And also excepted all and singular accounts of all and euery collector & collectors of any Subsidie, Fifteene, custome or other thing, & al accounts of euery other pers̃ whatsoeuer, that ought to be accõptant to the Queenes Highnes, or to her most noble father king Henry the eight, or to king Edward the first, or Queene Mary, or to any of them, & the heires, executors, and administrators of euery such person that ought to accompt for al things touching onely the same accounts: And all & singular arrerages of accompts, & all vntrue accompts, & all impetitions, charges of seisures, sutes, demands & executions, which may or can be had, of or for any accompt or accompts, or any arrerages of the same.

And also excepted all inclosures, and decapes of houses of husbandry and the conuerting or keeping of any land from tillage to pasture, made, done, cõmitted or permitted, contrary to the forme and effect of any Statute or Statutes heretofore made.

And also excepted and forexpressed out of this pardon, all and all maner of deceits and offences of all and singular moneyers and other Officers, Minters, & workmen, of or in any the Queenes Maiesties mints within this Realme, or any other her Dominions, and all impetitions and punishments for the same.

And also excepted all titles and actions of Quare impedit, and all Homages, Reliefe and Relieses, Harriots, Rent Seruices, Rent charges, Rent Seches, and the arrerages of the same,

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not done or paied to the Queenes Highnesse.

And also excepted al condicions and couenants, & al penalties, titles and forfeitures of condition or conditions, couenant or couenants accrued or growen to the Queenes Maiestie, by reason of the breach and not performing of any couenant or condition whatsoeuer.

And also excepted al summes of money granted to the Queens Maiestie, or any her noble progenitors, by way or meane of Subsidie, Fifteene, Tenth, or otherwise, & all concealements, frauds, and offences, by which her Maiestie hath beene deceiued, or not truely answered of, or for the same.

And also excepted out of this pardon, al debts which were or be due to our soueraign Lady the Queene, or to the most noble king of famous memory king Henry the 7. king Henrie the 8. king Ed. the 6. or to the late Queene Mary, or to any person or persons, for or to any of their vses, by any condemnation, recognisance, obligation or otherwise (other then such debtes as are due vpon any obligation or recognisance forfeited before the said fourth day of August for non apparance in any Court or other place whatsoeuer, or for not keeping of the peace, or not being of good behauiour, which debts growen or accrued vpon these causes, by this free pardon, be, and shall be clearely pardoned and discharged.)

And also excepted and forprised out of this pardon, all and singular penalties, forfeitures & summes of money, being due or accrued to our soueraigne Lady the Queene, by reason of any Act, statute or statutes: which forfeitures, penalties, & summes of money be conuerted into the nature of debt, by any Judgement, order, or decree, or by the agreement of the offender or offenders.

And also excepted al forfeitures of al leases, estates, or interests of any lands, tenements or hereditaments, holden of our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiesty, by Knights seruice, or in socage in capite, or otherwise by knights seruice, made in one or seueral assurances or leases for any terme or termes of yeres, wherupon the old and accustomed rent or more is not reserued.

And also excepted all first fruits and tenths at this present being due to be payed to her Maiesty, by force of any Act or statute, or otherwise.

And also excepted al penalties & forfeitures, wherof there is any good verdict in any sute giuen or past for ỹ Queens Maiesty.

And also excepted al forfeitures, and other penalties & profites now due, accrued or growen, or which shal, or may be due, accrue or grow to the Queens Maiesty, by reason of any offence, misdemeanor or contempt, or other act or deede, had, suffered, committed or done contrary to any Act, statute or statutes, or contrary to the common lawes of this realme, and wherof, or for the which

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any action, bill, plaint, or information at any time within eight yeeres next before the last day of this present Session of Parliament, hath bene, or shall bee exhibited, commenced, or sued in the Courts of Starre Chamber, or Exchequier chamber, or in any the Queenes Maiesties Courtes at Westminster, and now is, or the said last day of this Session of Parliament shall be there depending or remaining to bee prosecuted, or whereof the Queenes Highnesse by her bill signed, or otherwise heeretofore hath made any gift or assignement to any person or persons.

And also excepted out of this generall and free pardon, all offences, contempts, disorders, couens, fraudes, deceites, and misdemeanours whatsoeuer, heretofore committed or done by any person or persons, and whereof, or for the which any suite by bill, plaint, or information at any time within foure yeeres next before the last day of this present Session of Parliament, is, or shal be commenced, or exhibited in the Court of Starre chamber at Westminster, and shall be there the same last day of this Session of Parliament depending.

And also excepted out of this pardon, all offences of periuries, and subornation of witnesses, and offences of forging and counterfaiting of any faile deeds, escripts, or writings, and all procuring, and counselling of any such counterfaiting or forging to be had, or made.

And also excepted out of this pardon, all and euery offence or offences touching or concerning the carying, sending, or conueying ouer the seas, or out of this Realme, of any gold, siluer, iewels, or any coyne of gold, or siluer, contrary to the lawes or Statutes of this Realme, vnlesse it were by the Queenes licence.

And also excepted out of this pardon, all offences of incest, adulterie, fornication, and simonie, and all misdemeanors, and disturbances committed or made in any Church or chappell in the time of common prayer, preaching, or diuine seruice there vsed, to the disturbance thereof, and all outlawries and prosecutions vpon the same.

And also excepted all offences, whereby any person may bee charged with the penaltie and danger of Premunire, and of the which offence, or offences, any person standeth already indicted, or otherwise lawfully condemned, or conuicted.

And also excepted all dilapidations, for which any suite is, or before the ende of this Session of Parliament shall be depending.

And also excepted all offences whatsoeuer in shipping, or

willingly assenting, or causing to be shipped to bee transported into any the partes beyond the Seas, out of the obedience of her Maiestie, any gunnes, ordinance, shot, or gunne mettall, contrary to the lawes or Statutes of this Realme, without licence of her Maiestie in that behalfe first had, and obtained, and also all such as couenantly, or by consent, or for the releife of such as haue offended in, or against any popular, or penall Statute, haue for the same offence, or offences, exhibited any action, bill, plaint, information, or suite against any such offendor or offendors.

And excepted also all offences in taking away, imbezeling, or purloining any the Queenes Maiesties goods, money, chattels, iewels, armour, munition, ordinance, or other habiliments of warre.

And also excepted out of this pardon, all maner of extortions whatsoeuer, and also excepted all couens, fraudes, deceits, and other disorders and misdemeanors whatsoeuer heretofore committed or done by any vndershirife, or by any officer, minister, or Clerke in any of her Highnesse courtes, in, or by reason, or colour of any of their offices, or places: And all offences of aiding, comforting, assisting, or procuring of any vndershirife, or any such officer, minister, or Clerke, in contriuing, doing, or executing any such extortion, exaction, couen, fraud, deceit, disorder, or misdemeanor.

And also excepted out of this pardon, all vnlawfull taking away and rescússes made of any prisoner, being in, or vnder any arrest or custodie: and all breaking, and attempting to breake any of her Maiesties prisons, and all offences of aiding, or procuring thereof.

And also excepted all offences, contempts, disorders, and misdemeanors committed, or done by any person, or persons contrary to the lawes of the Forrests, within the circuit, or precinct of her Maiesties Forrests of Windsor and Waltham, or of either of them, and all penalties for the same.

And also excepted out of this pardon, all issues, fines, and amerciaments, being totted, leuied, or receiued by any shirife, vndershirife, bailife, minister, or other officer, to, or for the Queenes Maiesties vse, or behoofe, before the last day of this present Session of Parliament, and all issues, fines, and amerciaments, asserred, tared, set, estreated, or entred seuerally, or particularly, touching or concerning any one person, or mo persons, ioyntly, or severally, aboue the summe of fiue pounds.

And also excepted all issues, fines, and amerciaments returned, asserred, tared, set, or entred seuerally, or particularly in

any Court of Recorde at Westminster, at any time sithence the feast of the holy Trinitie last past.

And yet neuertheleſſe, all other fines, as well fines pro licentia concordandi, as others, set, tared, estreated, or entred before the saide feast of the holy Trinitie, and also all issues, and amerciaments, as well reall as others, within any liberties or without, being set, tared, estreated or entred before the saide feast of the holy Trinitie, and which seuerally or particularly extende to, or vnder the summe of sixe pounds, and not aboue, whether they bee estreated or not estreated, or whether they be turned into debt, or not turned into debt, and not being totted, leuied, or receiued by any Shirife, Vndershirife, Minister or other Officer, to, or for the Queenes Maiesties vse or behoofe, before the last day of this present Session of Parliament, shal be freely, clearely, and plainly pardoned and discharged against the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and successours for euer, by force of this present Act of free pardon.

And yet neuertheleſſe, all estreates of such fines, issues and amerciaments, as bee nowe pardoned by this Acte, and which be already estreated forth of the Court of Exchequer, and be remaining in the handes of the Shirife, Vndersheriffe, or Bayliffe for collecting of the same fines, issues, and amerciaments, shall vpon the returne of the same estreates, be orderly charged and deliuered by scrowes into the office of the Pipe in the Court of Exchequer, as heretofore hath bene accustomed, to the intent that thereupon, order may bee taken, that her Maiestie may be the more truely answered of al such fines, issues, and amerciaments, not by this Acte pardoned, and which any Sheriffe, Vndersheriffe, Bayliffe, or other officer or minister hath receiued, or ought to answere by force or colour of any such estreate, procesſe, or precept to him or them made, for the leuying thereof: And yet that not withstanding, all and euery Sheriffe and Sheriffes, and other accomptant vpon his or their petition or petions to be made for the allowance of any such fines, issues and amerciaments, as by this Acte is pardoned, shall haue all and euery such his, and their petition allowed in his, and their accompt and accompts, without paying any fee or reward to any Officer, Clerke or other minister, for the making, entring or allowing of any such petition or petitions, any vsage or custome to the contrary thereof not withstanding.

And also excepted out of this pardon, all goods, chattels, debts, actiõs & suits already forfeited, or whereof any right or title is accrued or growen to ỹ Queens Maiestie by reason of any outlawrie, & whereof the Queenes Maiestie by her Highnes letters pa-

tents, hath before the last day of this present Session of Parliament made any graunt, couenant or promise to any person or persons.

And also excepted out of this Pardon all such persons, which haue committed or done any offence or offences contrary to the tenour or effect of the Statute made in the seuen and twentie yeere of her Maiesties Reigne, Intituled, An Acte against Iesuites, Seminarie priestes, and other such disobedient persons, or any part thereof: and all outlawries, proceedings, iudgements and executions vpon the same offences or any of them.

And also excepted all persons which haue committed or done any offence, contrary to the Statute made in the three and twentie yeere of her Maiesties Reigne, Intituled, An Acte to retaine the Queenes Maiesties Subiects in their due obedience, or any part thereof: And all outlawries, proceedings, and Iudgements, and executions vpon the same offences or any of them, for such and so long time as they shall continue disobedient or wilfully obstinate in any the same offences. And yet neuertheless, whensoeuer the same persons, or any of them shall willingly submit themselues in their due obedience to her Maiestie, and will come to the Church to heare diuine Seruice, and willingly refuse the saide wilfull obstinacie, and conforme themselues in the said causes of Religion and doctrine, and continue in such their conformitie and due obedience to her Maiestie, according as by the Lawes and Statutes of this Realme they ought to do: that then and from thenceforth all and euery such person and persons, so submitting and yeelding themselues in their due obedience towardes her Maiestie, and so continuing in the same, shall forthwith bee restored and enabled by force of this Acte, to haue and enioy the full benefite of this generall pardon, as largely and fully in all respects, as any other of her Maiesties good Subiects haue or ought to enioy by vertue of this Acte of generall pardon.

And also excepted out of this pardon, all such persons as be and remaine vtlll attainted or condemned, and not already pardoned, of, or for any rebellion, or leuying of warre, or of, or for any conspiracie of any rebellion or leuying of warre within this realme, or in any other the Queenes Dominions.

And also excepted all false forging, and counterfetting of any Commission or Commissions to enquire of any landes, tenements, or hereditaments, and also all false forging and counterfaiting of any vntrue certificate, or returne of any Commission or Commissions, obtained or gotten forth of any Court

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or Courts, to enquire of any Lands, tenements, or other thing whatsoeuer: And all and all maner fallifying of any particular, or of any Bill or Billes, signed by her Maiestie, after the engrossing thereof, and before the passing of the same vnto the great Seale.

And except also out of this Pardon, all offences committed or done by any person or persons in new building, diuiding of Tenements, taking of Inmates, newe inclosures, and other Nusances in any place within the Citie of London, and Suburbes of the same, or within three miles of the saide Citie, contrary to the Lawe, or any her Maiesties Proclamations in that behalfe made.

Prouided alwayes, and bee it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that it shall and may bee lawfull to all and euery Clearke and other Officers of the Queenes Courtes, to awarde and make Writtes of Capias Vtlagat. at the suite of the partie plaintife against such persons outlawed as be pardoned by this Acte, to the intent to compell the defendant and defendants to make answere to the plaintife or plaintifes, at whose suite, hee, or they were outlawed, and that euery person so outlawed, shall sue a Writte of Scire facias against the partie or parties, at whose suite, hee, or they were so outlawed, before this pardon in that behalfe shall bee allowed to him or them that so is outlawed.

Prouided also, and bee it enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that this Acte of generall Pardon shall not in any wise extende to any person outlawed vpon any Writ of Capias ad satisfaciendum, vntill such time as the person so outlawed shall satisfie, or otherwise agree with the partie at whose suite the same person was so outlawed or condemned.

Prouided likewise, and be it enacted, that neither this Acte of generall pardon, nor any thing therein conteined, shall in any wise extend to any person, that is, or shall be put to execution, at any time before tenne dayes after the ende of this Session of Parliament: Or to pardon or discharge any offence or misdemeanour committed or done by any purueyour, or other taker whatsoeuer, in taking, or purueying of any prouision whatsoeuer for the Queenes Maiesties houshold, or otherwise to the Queenes Highnesse behoofe, or by pretence or colour therof, contrary vnto, or against any the Lawes or statutes in that behalfe made, or ordeined.

Prouided also, and bee it enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that neither this Acte, nor any thing therein conteined, shall

extend to pardon or discharge any offence committed or done by any Commissioner, Captaine, or other person whatsoeuer, in the corrupt taking or hauing of any money or other gift or reward for the changing, releasing, or discharging of any Souldier prest or appointed to serue her Maiestie in the defence of the Realme or otherwise: or any offence commited or done by any against the Ecclesiastical state or gouernement established in this Realme, or any heresie or Schisme in Religion whatsoeuer.

FINIS.

God saue the Queene.

A Table of certaine Acts of the Parliament, *begun and holden at Westminster, the 24. day* of October. Anno Elizab. 39. &c.

Not printed.

1 AN Act concerning a Lease of great yeerely value, procurey to be passed from her Maiesty by William Kirkham the ponger.

2 An Act that the Lord Pountiop may vispose of his lands whereof he is tenant in taile, as other tenants in tayle, by the lawes and statutes of the realme may doe, A pziuate statute made in the xxvii. yeere of Henry the eight to the contrary not withstanding.

3 An Act for establishing the Hospitall of Queene Elizabeth in Bzistoll, for reliefe of the Dzphanes and poore there.

4 An Act for establishment of the new Colledge of the poore at Cobham in the Countie of Kent.

5 An Act for the confirmation, and better assurance & conueyance of certaine Manors, Lands, tenements, and hereditaments, giuen and intended to an Hospital, or Meason Dieu in Warwike, founded and established by the earle of Leicester.

6 An Act for the naturalizing of certain English mens childzen and other, borne beyond the Seas.

7 An act for confirmation of the Ioincture of Christian Lady Sands.

8 An act for establishing the towne lands of Wanting in the Countie of Berkshire, to the relieue of the poore, amendment of highwayes, and maintaining of a Schoolemaster within the said Towne.

9 An act for Arthur Hatch, her Maiesties Seruant, for the enioying of the Rectorie and Parsonage of South Molton in the countie of Deuonshire, for certaine yeres reseruing the small rent.

10 An act for confirmation of the Ioincture of the lady Varney, wife of Sir Edmond Varney knight.

11 An act for the better maintenance and well keeping of Staines bzidge, and Egham causey, being the high way from London, vnto the west parts of England.

12 An act for establishing of the lands giuen by Iohn Bedfords will, to the perpetuall repaire and amendment of the high wayes at Ailesburie in the County of Buckingham, according to the sayd will.

13 An act concerning the Schoole of Seuenock.

14 An act for establishing the possessions of Sir Henry Vnton knight, lately deceased, and for paiment of his debts.

15 An act for establishing a Ioincture to Anne, Lady Wentworth, now wife of William Pope esquire, and for the better enabling of the said William Pope, to sel certain of his lands for the paiment of his debts.

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